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CONNECTICUT BUDGET

Lamont, Democrats reach deal

Gas tax cut to continue, state child tax credit created in \$24.2B plan

By Christopher Keating
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — After months of hearings, deliberations and negotiations, Gov. Ned Lamont and top Democrats announced a deal Wednesday for a new \$24.2 billion state budget that would cut taxes

for parents, drivers, residential property owners, retirees, and car owners.

The overall tax-cut package would be about \$500 million that both Lamont and legislators have been pushing in an election year.

The most immediate impact on drivers would be the extension of the suspension of the state's 25-cents-per-gallon gasoline tax until Dec. 31. Drivers have not been paying the tax since April 1, and the extension will save them

a combined total of \$150 million through year's end, Lamont said.

The tax cuts would include a credit of \$250 per child for up to three children under the age of 17 for the first time in state history. The temporary tax credit would last for one year in the 2022 calendar year due to the additional cost, but it would be in addition to the federal credit for children.

The tax cuts are possible because of a quickly growing state budget surplus and more than \$2

billion in federal stimulus funds over two years that have helped fund numerous programs across the state.

Rep. Sean Scanlon, a Guilford Democrat who co-chairs the tax-writing committee, said that pensions, annuities, and withdrawals from 401(k) plans would no longer be subject to the state income tax for senior citizens in a full phase-out by the 2024 fiscal year.

"We have \$40 million to elim-

inate pension taxes for middle-class retirees so they don't move to Florida," Scanlon said. "We want to keep those folks. We want to make it more affordable for retirees."

Lawmakers agreed to Lamont's proposal to increase the property tax credit on the state income tax to a maximum of \$300 per tax return, up from the current \$200. But the bigger change is a large increase in eligibility for most resi-

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PET PROJECT AT THE CAPITOL



Sen. Tony Hwang, R-Fairfield, and Rep. Laura Devlin, R-Fairfield, laugh as they hold puppies from the CT Humane Society on Wednesday outside the State Capitol in Hartford. The CT Humane Society visited the Capitol for staff and legislators to bring awareness and support for animal-related bills. **JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

Ticks are on the rise

Situation in the state 'a major public health concern,' expert says

By Jesse Leavenworth
Hartford Courant

Ticks are a growing menace in Connecticut, spreading Lyme disease and other serious maladies as continued warming allows the blood-sucking parasites to survive and thrive.

State scientist and tick expert Goudarz Molaei of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station has called the tick situation in Connecticut "a major public health concern." Compared with past years, Molaei said Tuesday, many more ticks were sent to the Experiment Station's testing laboratory in 2021, mostly deer ticks that may carry Lyme disease.

Submissions last year from residents, health departments and physicians' offices totaled 5,685 ticks, compared with an annual average of 3,000 submissions. So far this year, Molaei said, the lab has received 641 tick submissions.

Molaei provided updates on each species:

Asian longhorned

This tick has spread far beyond Fairfield County, where Molaei started tracking populations in 2020. Last year, he had not found established populations in other counties, but the females can reproduce without mating.

"The Asian longhorned tick

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The Asian longhorned tick is in 17 states, including Connecticut. **CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION**

McCarthy defends his Jan. 6 remarks



House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy leaves a meeting Wednesday on Capitol Hill. **KEVIN DIETSCH/GETTY**

House GOP leader meets with caucus about leaked audio

By Lisa Mascaro
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House GOP Leader Kevin McCarthy told colleagues Wednesday he never asked then-President Donald Trump to resign over the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection at the Capitol as he defended private conversations around the siege that have spilled into the open and jeopardized his leadership.

It was the first time McCarthy, who is in line to become House speaker if Republicans win control in the fall midterm

election, addressed his colleagues face-to-face about the leaked audio of his conversations from January 2021 as he works to stem the fallout from his criticisms of Trump and far-right members of their party. He received a standing ovation.

One Republican in the room said the meeting was "cathartic" for lawmakers. Another voiced confidence that McCarthy would be the "next speaker."

"He's got the support of the conference and then some," Rep. Dan Meuser, R-Pa., said as he left the private session at GOP headquarters across the street from the Capitol.

Yet amid the show of support,

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Regulators halt state's natural gas expansion

Plan launched in 2013 ends; rising costs, push for zero emissions cited

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

Connecticut's utility regulators on Wednesday ended a nine-year state program that sought to expand the use of natural gas as an alternative to home heating oil.

Several reasons were cited by the three Public Utilities Regulatory Authority commissioners

who voted to pull the plug on the program: Gas prices are soaring, wiping out cost advantages over oil heat and policies favoring natural gas no longer advance the state's climate and energy goals that now tilt to offshore wind.

In a draft decision in March, regulators said subsidies to the utilities are costly and the program, launched in 2013 by then-Gov. Dannel P. Malloy and backed by the General Assembly, failed to meet its numerical goals hooking

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Connecticut teacher honored at White House

Heading to the White House to be honored with Teachers of the Year from around the country, Kim King said she never thought this day would come. Connecticut's 2022 Teacher of the Year, who became an American citizen in second grade, called the visit powerful. "I bring with me all of our immigrant families, and our marginalized students and families," King said. "Connecticut is with me in my heart today."

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dential property owners. Currently, the credit is allowed only for those over 65 years old and those with dependents. Now, the eligibility would be subject only to income limits and not to age or family configuration.

“The key message for me for this budget is making Connecticut more affordable,” Scanlon said. “That’s what the governor is working on. That’s what the legislature is working on, and that’s what these tax cuts will do.”

In another high-profile move, the package would provide tax cuts for cars in about 75 of the state’s 169 cities and towns.

Communities with a mill rate higher than 32.46 would benefit, but there would be no relief for wealthy, low-tax-rate towns like Greenwich, New Canaan, Darien, and Westport.

For towns with a mill rate of 50, for example, the rate for drivers would be reduced to 32.46, and the state would reimburse the towns to make up for the tax revenues that the towns would lose

The budget represents a 2.5% spending increase that is lower than inflation and complies with various caps that are designed to hold down state spending, said Jeffrey Beckham, Lamont’s new budget director.

“The budget is like a big, three-dimensional puzzle with lots of moving parts,” Beckham told reporters at the Capitol. “It was very complicated. But we’re there, and it’s a good day.”

Legislators had been discussing whether to approve the budget in the House of Representatives on Saturday, but that might be postponed because of an expected rally at the state Capitol that could involve hate groups, lawmakers said. “It’s pretty scary,” House Speaker Matt Ritter of Hartford said.

Instead, the budget votes could be held Monday and Tuesday in the two chambers.

While Republicans have called for tax cuts, they said that Democrats did not go far enough. Federal rules prevent states from using federal stimulus funds directly for tax cuts, but 18 states have filed lawsuits against the federal government to change those rules. Since various federal cases are pending and on appeal, no final ruling has been made on how the federal money can be spent.

Ritter, Scanlon and other Democrats have strongly opposed the idea of suing the federal government.

Senate Republican leader Kevin Kelly of Stratford said Wednesday that the tax cuts need to be enacted more quickly because middle-class families are struggling with inflation and living paycheck to paycheck. He noted that top

Democrats have avoided getting involved in the lawsuits.

“The Republicans of Connecticut are standing with the people,” Kelly said. “We asked the governor and the attorney general to join us in that fight, and we’ve heard nothing. Nothing.”

House Republican leader Vincent Candelora of North Branford said aspects of the tax package are too narrow.

“I think we need broad-based tax relief,” Candelora said at the state Capitol. “Just to give a tax break to people only with children is shortsighted. It’s everybody that’s suffering — whether you’re 18 years old or 75 years old.”

Candelora added, “At a time when state workers will receive a \$3,500 bonus through a \$1.9 billion compensation package, and with ongoing discussion about a still-undefined plan to provide pandemic pay to essential workers, many Connecticut residents will find it odd to see Democrats slapping themselves on the back over a budget that provides so little in permanent tax relief — particularly when you consider our state’s \$4 billion financial cushion.”

On the spending side, the budget calls for funding for mental health, early childhood education, municipal aid, \$100 million for day care, and \$400,000 for the contracting standards board that had been threatened with cuts. The plan calls for sending \$2 billion to shore

up the under-funded state pension system, up from a \$1.6 billion payment last year.

“We are not decreasing funding for anybody in any school system,” said Sen. Cathy Osten, co-chairwoman of the budget-writing committee.

While lawmakers had clashed over various ways to increase spending, Lamont pushed back against any gimmicks to get around the state’s revenue cap or other reforms that are designed to rein in spending.

“When you have revenues coming in, it’s tempting to spend those dollars,” said Sen. John Fonfara, a Hartford Democrat who thanked Lamont for his fiscal discipline.

For weeks, lawmakers had clashed over a previous maximum cap of \$180 million in tax cuts because more than \$2 billion in federal stimulus money over two years cannot be used directly for tax cuts. But now that cap is expected to increase sharply due to the state surplus, officials said. In addition, the child tax credit will be able to start in the 2023 fiscal year that starts in July — rather than being pushed off into the future.

The fiscal change represents a dramatic turnaround from years of tax increases under then-Gov. Dannel P. Malloy.

The budget will also include keeping the earned income tax credit to 41.5% — far higher than in

recent years. Several Connecticut governors were historically against the credit before it was finally approved in 2011 under Malloy.

Using federal money, Lamont retroactively increased the state credit for the 2021 calendar year to 41.5% of the federal credit. Advocates note that other states also have generous programs, including 40% in New Jersey. By 2023, the rate in South Carolina is expected to jump sharply to 125%, officials said.

In Connecticut, the number has changed multiple times over the past decade, depending on the state’s budget fortunes and decisions by the legislature. The credit has gone from 23% to 30.5% before 41.5%.

Lawmakers had originally called for a maximum credit of \$600 per year per child, but a compromise brought the total to \$250 per child. The measure would impact an estimated 600,000 children in the state.

Single mothers and fathers earning up to \$100,000 per year would be eligible for the credit, along with families earning up to \$200,000 per year. Three states currently offer their own child tax credit, including California and New York.

“I think there’s a great deal to celebrate here,” said Senate President Pro Tem Martin Looney, a New Haven Democrat.

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Gas

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up natural gas to homes and businesses.

“At the time it was a great idea,” said Commissioner John W. Betkoski III. “When we do these things, they’re eventually supposed to phase out and when we continue them it’s always on the backs of ratepayers.”

Marissa Gillett, chairwoman of PURA, said Eversource Energy and United Illuminating Co. may exercise their right to challenge the decision in court.

“I would look forward to having closer scrutiny on how the program did not deliver on its promises to ratepayers,” she said.

Spokeswoman Tricia Modifica said Eversource recognizes that energy policy has changed since the system expansion plan was established and is “looking at ways

to ensure a seamless and equitable transition” for its customers.

She said 38,189 residents and businesses in its service territory have switched to natural gas since 2013. Overall, Eversource serves 249,000 natural gas customers in 74 communities in Connecticut.

A spokesman for UI did not immediately respond to an email seeking comment.

Home heating oil businesses, many of which are family-run companies, unsuccessfully fought the state’s efforts to broaden natural gas connections. Christian Herb, president of the Connecticut Energy Marketers Association, a trade group, said ending the program confirms that the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection was wrong.

“Unfortunately, thousands of consumers were fleeced by the state’s promise of a ‘clean, cheaper and more reliable’ energy source, only to find out nearly a decade

later that natural gas was dirty, more expensive and unreliable,” Herb said.

The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection posted a notice of proceeding Jan. 6 for an updated Comprehensive Energy Strategy required every four years. The agency will consider climate, equity, affordability and economic development.

Shannon Laun of the Conservation Law Foundation, an environmental group, said PURA’s decision is a “huge step toward getting polluting, dirty fossil fuels out of our homes.”

However, she said regulators should end the incentive-based program immediately instead of allowing gas companies to sign up certain customers who have a fully executed contract for gas service within 90 days.

Malloy’s Comprehensive Energy Strategy relied on incentives and financing options and targeted

marketing campaigns to pay for natural gas conversions. It also established a rate mechanism for gas companies to recover investments.

The proposal recommended changes in energy efficiency, electricity supply, industrial energy requirements, transportation and natural gas. Malloy promoted his natural gas expansion plan to spur economic development, business growth and lower costs in response to persistent complaints from homeowners and businesses about high energy prices.

The program fell short, PURA said. Gas line expansion projects were driving up costs, with gas ratepayers paying about \$64 million additionally, regulators said.

Gas ratepayers also were footing the bill for significant subsidies to offset revenue shortfalls and capital costs, PURA said. Since the start of the “system expansion plan” as it’s known, Yankee Gas,

which is operated by Eversource, and Connecticut Natural Gas and the Southern Connecticut Gas Co. that are operated by UI’s parent company Avangrid, benefited from about \$92 million in credits, PURA said.

The stated purpose of the plan is to expand utilities’ customer base and increase demand on the distribution system, regulators said.

“Although the growth rate of new customers has declined for all three (utilities), the average cost to connect new services has increased significantly since the inception of the system expansion plan,” PURA said.

The system expansion plan’s aim was to convert 280,000 Connecticut residents to gas in 10 years. With less than two years remaining, the utilities have met 32% of the goal, regulators said.

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Dr. Anthony Fauci says the U.S. has transitioned into a new phase of the COVID-19 pandemic. GREG NASH/POOL VIA AP

Fauci: US in ‘controlled phase’ of pandemic

By Lauran Neergaard
Associated Press

Dr. Anthony Fauci said Wednesday the coronavirus is under better control in the United States but the pandemic isn’t over — and the challenge is how to keep improving the situation.

“We are in a different moment of the pandemic,” said Fauci, the nation’s top infectious disease expert, in an interview with Associated Press.

After a brutal winter surge, “we’ve now decelerated and transitioned into more of a controlled phase,” he said. “By no means does that mean the pandemic is over.”

Fauci’s remarks reflect how health authorities are wrestling with the next stage of the pandemic — how to keep COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations manageable and learn to live with a mutating virus.

Fauci said the U.S. appears to be out of what he called the “fulmi-

nant phase” of the pandemic: huge variant surges that at their worst sparked hundreds of thousands of infections daily, along with tens of thousands of hospitalizations and thousands of deaths.

COVID-19 cases are at a lower point than they’ve been in months and two-thirds of the U.S. population is vaccinated. Nearly half of those who need a booster dose have gotten the extra shot, and effective treatments are available.

“We are much, much better off than we were a year ago,” he said.

Still, there have been lulls, and while cases are low, they are increasing in many parts of the country.

To keep improving, Fauci ticked off a to-do list: Get more people fully vaccinated; develop better vaccines; figure out the best booster strategy to counter variants; and make sure people can access treatment as soon as they need it.

“We can’t take our foot off the pedal,” Fauci said.

With Senate confirmation, Avery makes state history

Senate OKs first Black female US Attorney in Connecticut history

By Edmund H. Mahony
Hartford Courant

The U.S. Senate on Wednesday confirmed Associate Attorney General Vanessa Avery to be Connecticut’s next U.S. Attorney, making her the first African American woman to serve as the state’s top federal law enforcement officer.

Avery replaces former U.S. Attorney John H. Durham, who left office following the election of President Joseph P. Biden, and U.S. Attorney Leonard C. Boyle, who the district court judges appointed to serve in the transition.

Biden nominated Avery in January on the recommendation of the state’s two Democratic U.S. senators, Richard Blumenthal and Chris Murphy.

“It is an extraordinary leap forward for an office that I regard with great admiration and even reverence as a law enforcement professional,” Blumenthal said. “She will be superb in her sense of fairness and her zeal for justice and public safety. I look forward to her swearing in and her very excellent service.”

Avery currently works for state Attorney General William Tong as associate Attorney General for Enforcement, Litigation and Investigations.

“This is an incredible and historic moment for Connecticut, for our legal profession, and



The U.S. Senate has confirmed Vanessa Avery, of the state attorney general’s office, to be the next U.S. Attorney for Connecticut. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

our justice system,” Tong said. “Vanessa Avery is everything right about public service. She is a daughter of New Haven and its public schools, and brings her deep Connecticut roots and connections with her to the Department of Justice. She is thoughtful, incredibly hard-working, exceptionally qualified, and the kind of colleague and team member everyone wishes to have.”

Avery joined the Attorney General’s office in 2019. Before that, she worked in the U.S. Attorney’s Office from 2014 to 2019 as a lawyer in the civil division.

From 2006 to 2014, Avery was a

litigator at the Hartford law firm McCarter & English.

She received a law degree from Georgetown University Law Center in 1999 and an undergraduate degree from Yale University in 1996.

Prior to joining the Attorney General’s Office, Avery was an Assistant United States Attorney in the Civil Division of the United States Attorney’s Office, District of Connecticut.

Avery previously served as a trial attorney for the Department of Justice Civil Division in Washington, D.C. She grew up in New Haven and is a graduate of New Haven Public Schools.

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McCarthy was challenged by two of the party’s most hard-right lawmakers — Reps. Matt Gaetz of Florida and Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia — who said they felt particularly singled out by the leadership team for their fiery comments around Jan. 6. Rep. Scott Perry, R-Pa., a Trump ally who helped organize challenges to the 2020 election results, also voiced concerns, another Republican said.

But the detractors appeared to be in a dwindling minority as rank-and-file lawmakers rallied around McCarthy, the man who recruited many of them to Congress and is now raising millions of dollars to help them win back the House majority.

“You guys obsess over January 6. Nobody cares,” Rep. Glenn

Grothman, R-Wis., told reporters outside House GOP headquarters. “It’s history.”

A California Republican long eyeing the speaker’s gavel, McCarthy is at a critical juncture as he works to ascend to the top leadership position. It will be his second try after a failed 2015 bid — but one now fully dependent on his volatile relationship with Trump, who still holds great influence over the party and can make and break careers.

New audio recordings released in recent days by The New York Times portray McCarthy as fed up with Trump in the aftermath of the Capitol attack, when the defeated president rallied his supporters to head to Congress and object to Democrat Joe Biden’s election victory.

In the recordings, McCarthy is heard telling Republicans privately that he was considering asking Trump to resign. In another

recording released late Tuesday, McCarthy warns that dangerous public commentary from Gaetz and others is “putting people in jeopardy” of potential violence.

McCarthy has denied The Times’s account of events, leading Democrats and others to call him a liar, as audio of the secretly recorded calls was released. The House committee investigating Jan. 6 is seeking an interview with him.

On Wednesday, McCarthy stood at party headquarters and defended his actions, suggesting he was merely running through possible scenarios as Democrats moved to impeach Trump in the aftermath of the violent siege.

In the GOP meeting, McCarthy clearly stated that he never asked the president to resign, the Republicans said. He has also publicly said he did not do so. The Times did not report that he asked Trump to resign, only that he told Rep. Liz Cheney, R-Wyo., and other

members he would.

As president, Trump had affectionately referred to McCarthy as “My Kevin,” one of his earliest endorsers, but their relationship has frayed over time. McCarthy momentarily turned on Trump as his supporters stormed the Capitol on Jan. 6 to disrupt certification of Biden’s 2020 presidential win.

In the days after the riot, it seemed Republicans in Washington might part ways with Trump. Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky gave blistering speeches against Trump, and McCarthy’s public and private conversations at that time show flashes of anger and the depth of angst over the shocking, devastating riot by Trump supporters.

But once Biden took office, McCarthy quickly went to Trump’s Mar-a-Lago club in Florida to patch things up with the defeated president.

Trump and McCarthy spoke last

week, and the former president told the leader he was “not mad” about the disclosures.

To become speaker if Republicans win back the House, McCarthy would need to win at least 218 votes.

“President Trump said their relationship has never been stronger. That’s good enough for me,” said Rep. Roger Williams, R-Texas. “We’re totally supportive of Kevin McCarthy.”

Still, Gaetz and other detractors remain a force McCarthy must contend with, much like the lawmakers six years ago who denied him backing to become speaker. He abruptly dropped out of the race.

Gaetz tweeted late Tuesday that the private comments from McCarthy and Rep. Steve Scalise of Louisiana, the No. 2 Republican leader, to Cheney and others are “the behavior of weak men, not leaders.”

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has now spread into 17 states in the U.S.,” he said. “We have found an established population of the Asian longhorned tick in New Haven County, in addition to Fairfield County.

“During a brief survey of the established population of the Asian long-horned tick in Fairfield County on April 13, we collected over 800 specimens of this species. Our finding highlights the remarkable reproductive ability of this tick species,” Molaei said.

“Earlier this year, this tick tested positive for pathogens responsible for Lyme disease, babesiosis and anaplasmosis in single infections as well as coinfections.”



A Gulf Coast tick floats in a vial after being trapped on the southern Connecticut shoreline by Dr. Goudarz Molaei with Connecticut’s Agricultural Experiment Station. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

Gulf Coast tick

Until early fall 2020, the known northern limit of this tick’s range was Delaware, but the species was found in Fairfield County after people submitted ticks for testing.

Collections have shown 30% of Gulf Coast ticks were infected with an agent that causes a disease called rickettsiosis, similar to but less serious than Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever.

“We have not identified additional populations of the Gulf Coast tick in Connecticut this year,” Molaei said.

“However, two additional populations of this tick species were reported in 2021 and 2022 from neighboring New York State in relatively close proximity to Connecticut. Using specimens of this tick collected in 2021, we are trying to establish a laboratory colony to conduct overwintering studies.”



An unusual danger of the lone star tick is that the tick bite may trigger an allergic reaction if you eat red meat. DOUG KAPUSTIN/BALTIMORE SUN

Lone star tick

For several decades, only about 0.2% of ticks submitted to the state were of this species, and those likely were brought in by people and animals from other regions.

Diseases that the lone star tick can give humans include ehrlichiosis, Southern tick-associated rash illness (STARI), spotted fever rickettsiosis, tularemia and Heartland Burban viruses. It is also associated with red-meat allergy in some people, according to experts.

Last year, the state lab received 213 (3.7% of total) lone star tick

submissions, Molaei said.

“Obviously, this number reflects the tick submissions to our lab and does not show the population increase and range expansion of this species in Fairfield and New Haven counties.”

“No new populations of the lone star tick have been found this year, but that does not mean this



The blacklegged, or deer, tick is the most common carrier of Lyme disease. FILE

tick species has not established populations elsewhere in the state. With the limited resources we have, it is not feasible to survey every corner of the state, so we are prioritizing our efforts and keeping an eye on some of the areas with the highest tick populations in the state.”

The deer, or blacklegged, tick

This tick is notorious for transmitting Lyme disease. Adult ticks may be out searching for hosts any time winter temperatures are above freezing. All life stages bite humans, but nymphs and adult females are most commonly found on people.

Named for the shoreline town where it was first reported, the disease continues to be the most prevalent tick-borne malady in the state and nation.

In 2021, the state testing lab received 4,365 blacklegged ticks, accounting for 76.8% of submissions, Molaei said.

“With pervasive populations, the blacklegged (deer) tick has been firmly established in our state

for several decades. The majority of tick-borne disease cases are associated with the blacklegged tick, which serves as a vector in the Eastern U.S. of seven human pathogens responsible for Lyme disease, *Borrelia miyamotoi* disease, anaplasmosis, ehrlichiosis, babesiosis and Powassan virus disease.”

Molaei had said last year that he expected to receive a boost in funding for testing and research from the federal Kay Hagan Act, named for Democratic Sen. Kay Hagan of North Carolina, who died from complications of the tick-borne Powassan virus in 2019.

A comprehensive research proposal has been submitted to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Molaei said. The results of the application will be announced in May, and officials have reached out to state congressional delegates for potential funding, he said.

The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station offers tick testing for free. Information at portal.ct.gov.

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WAR IN UKRAINE

Russia ratchets up pressure on West

Moscow threatens to cut more nations from gas shipments

By **Yesica Fisch, Jon Gambrell and Vanessa Gera**
Associated Press

POKROVSK, Ukraine — Russia cut off natural gas to NATO members Poland and Bulgaria on Wednesday and threatened to do the same to other countries, using its most essential export in what was seen as a bid to punish and divide the West over its support for Ukraine.

The move, condemned by European leaders as “blackmail,” marked a dramatic escalation in the economic war of sanctions and countersanctions that has unfolded parallel to the fighting on the battlefield.

The tactic, coming a day after the U.S. and other Western allies vowed to rush more and heavier weapons to Ukraine, could eventually force targeted nations to ration gas and could deal another blow to economies suffering from rising prices. At the same time, it could deprive Russia of badly needed income to fund its war effort.

Poland has been a major gateway for the delivery of weapons to Ukraine and confirmed this week that it is sending the country tanks. Just hours before Russia’s state energy giant Gazprom acted, Poland announced a new set of sanctions against the company and other Russian businesses and oligarchs.

Bulgaria, under a new liberal government that took office last fall, has cut many



A man boils potatoes Wednesday in front of his apartment building near Kyiv. **DAVID GUTTENFELDER/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

of its old ties to Moscow and likewise supported punitive measures against the Kremlin. It has also hosted Western fighter jets at a new NATO outpost on Bulgaria’s Black Sea coast.

The gas cuts do not immediately put the two countries in any dire trouble. Poland, especially, has been working for many years to line up other suppliers, and the continent is heading into summer, making gas less essential for households.

Also, Russian gas deliveries to both Poland and Bulgaria were expected to end later this year anyway.

Still, the cutoff and the Kremlin warning that other

countries could be next sent shivers of worry through the 27-nation European Union.

Germany, the largest economy on the continent, and Italy are among Europe’s biggest consumers of Russian natural gas, though they, too, have been taking steps to reduce their dependence on Moscow.

“It comes as no surprise that the Kremlin uses fossil fuels to try to blackmail us,” said EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen. “Today, the Kremlin failed once again in his attempt to sow division amongst member states. The era of Russian fossil fuel in Europe is coming to an end.”

Gazprom said it shut off the two countries because they refused to pay in rubles, as President Vladimir Putin has demanded of “unfriendly” nations. The Kremlin said other countries may be cut off if they don’t agree to the payment arrangement.

Most European countries have publicly balked at Russia’s demand for rubles, but it is not clear how many have actually faced the moment of decision so far.

Greece’s next scheduled payment to Gazprom is due May 25, for example, and the government must decide then whether to comply.

Polish Prime Minister

Mateusz Morawiecki told his country’s parliament that he believes Poland’s support for Ukraine and the new sanctions imposed by Warsaw on Tuesday were the real reasons behind the gas cutoff.

Bulgarian Prime Minister Kiril Petkov called the suspension blackmail, adding: “We will not succumb to such a racket.”

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said that Russia views gas as a weapon for political blackmail and “sees a united Europe as a target.”

On the battlefield, fighting continued in the country’s east along a largely static

front line some 300 miles long.

Russia claimed its missiles hit a batch of weapons that the U.S. and European nations had delivered to Ukraine. One person was killed and at least two were injured when rockets hit a residential neighborhood in Kharkiv.

Western officials, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss intelligence findings, said Russia has made slow progress in the Donbas region, with “minor gains,” including the capture of villages and small towns south of Izyum and on the outskirts of Rubizhne.

Serhiy Haidai, the governor of the Luhansk region, conceded that Russia has made minor progress in its advance on Rubizhne through its nearly constant bombardment, but that Ukrainian troops are fighting back and retreating only when there is nothing left to defend.

“There is no point of staying at the territory that has been fired so often, that every meter is well known,” he said.

The Western officials said some Russian troops have been shifted from the gutted southern port city of Mariupol to other parts of the Donbas.

But some remain in Mariupol to fight Ukrainian forces holed up at the Azovstal steel plant, the last stronghold in the city.

Just across the border in Russia, an ammunition depot in the Belgorod region burned after several explosions were heard, the governor said. Blasts were also reported in Russia’s Kursk region near the border.

‘Here the people left have nowhere to go’

Dozen in Ukraine school await war’s end — or their own

By **Thomas Gibbons-Neff and Natalia Yermak**
The New York Times

KHARKIV, Ukraine — The shelling had gone on so long and so frequently that even moments of quiet brought their own kind of terror.

The artillery barrages and rocket strikes started when the Russians first invaded in February and have not stopped. For those still hiding in the school, every day now brings the same routine: Rise at first light, start the fires, boil water, make tea, cook soup and return to the basement.

They cover in the unbearably cold underground, packed together and listening as shells slam Kharkiv, an eastern Ukrainian city of 1.4 million before the war started, which Russian firepower has tried to pound into submission. There were roughly 300 people sheltering in the school in the early days of the war, yet nearly all have fled. Now there are only 12.

“Here the people left have nowhere to go and nowhere to come back to,” said Larisa Kuznetsova, 55, one of the school’s inhabitants until recently. “And where shall we move? Who needs us elsewhere?”

Trapped in the dangerous ground between Russian and Ukrainian forces, the 12 people still inside the slanted and dusty basement of Kharkiv Municipal Gymnasium No. 172, as the school is officially called, embody what the war has become for those who do not flee: a test of endurance. Even amid the greatest refugee crisis in Europe since World War II, there are people who can’t imagine leaving their home, no matter the cost.

They could escape to a safer section of Kharkiv, only a few miles away,



Natalia Skvortsova sits in the basement of Kharkiv Municipal Gymnasium No. 172. A dozen of the nearly 300 residents who took shelter in the school’s basement in the early days of the fighting remain there. **TYLER HICKS/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

yet they stay. One woman refuses to leave her disabled husband and son. The school secretary stays to protect against looting. The humanitarian workers who bring food to the 12 have taken to calling them “the dwarfs.”

Even with the risk of a direct strike looming over them, they remain, trying to create a semblance of normalcy. They gathered around a table in the school’s underground Sunday, the Orthodox Easter, for a traditional meal and Easter cakes.

“We served this table so that we could celebrate the holiday, like at home,” said Natalia Afanassenko, 44, the group’s de facto cook.

No. 172’s conversion into a bomb shelter began almost as soon as the war started Feb. 24. Kharkiv, only 30 miles from the Russian border and Ukraine’s second-largest city, was attacked immediately. Kuznetsova, a short, quick-talking neighborhood shop-

keeper, and her son, Dmitry, 23, stayed in their apartment for the first five days.

“There was shelling then but unobtrusively,” she said. “The shops were open. We would wait in line for two hours and buy a lot of canned food.”

Then one day, as the mother and son ate lunch, the power went out. Kuznetsova decided to take a quick half-hour nap. She awoke to three shells slamming into her building, known in the neighborhood as Building 40, shaking its foundation, shattering windows and sending her small family crawling to the home’s bathroom, then to the basement.

A few days later, another strike lit Building 40 on fire. “Everybody came out wearing whatever they were in, and the neighbor was coming my way, saying, ‘What the hell are you doing here? Hurry up to the school,’” recounted Kuznetsova.

No. 172 is in the neighborhood of Saltivka, a populated residential area in Kharkiv’s northeastern reaches. It has been shelled incessantly by seemingly every type of artillery in the Russian inventory.

The Soviet-style apartment blocks and small shops were built in the late 1960s and 1970s as Kharkiv expanded after the city’s destruction during World War II. Now Ukrainian howitzers and mortars are positioned nearby, with the apartment towers acting as a shield from incoming Russian fire, locking residents in the middle of an unending duel.

The school, constructed in 1995, is what counts as a haven for the neighborhood, partly because its basement is below ground, unlike some in the surrounding apartment buildings.

Kuznetsova and Dmitry arrived there March 3, when the original hundreds had dwindled to about 70

people. The basement was damp and putrid. The basics, like food and hygiene material, were scavenged from vacated apartments until humanitarian workers started arriving.

In charge of this bedraggled colony is Natalia Skvortsova, 48, the school secretary. She and her son, Yevgeny Kryvoruchko, 18, are staying for two reasons. She wants to protect against looting and prevent school records and graduation certificates from being destroyed. Quietly, she’s afraid that Kryvoruchko, now a university student who spends long hours in the half darkness mastering Rubik’s cubes (his fastest time is nine seconds), might get drafted.

“This is how it is,” she said, matter-of-factly.

Before the Russian invasion started, No. 172 was a pleasant white-walled educational center with 1,000 students. It had new projectors, a 25-meter pool

and lovely large windows.

But after at least four rounds of artillery hit the campus, killing one man, most windows are shattered, some classroom doors are torn in half, plaster has sheared off walls, and the pool’s water is a murky gray.

Today, Kharkiv is still under relentless bombardment, yet only a few miles away from Saltivka life has returned, somewhat. Some shops are open, traffic lights are on, and city workers take out the trash at regular intervals. Saltivka remains the hardest-hit neighborhood, and with some modicum of normalcy so close, the resistance to evacuate can easily be seen as baffling.

The school residents haven’t showered in months, resorting to baby wipes and bottled water. Plumbing is nonexistent. Power comes from a small generator that runs a few hours every couple of days, and beds are constructed from school desks and gym mats. For entertainment, they watch old VHS tapes, including school graduations and the documentary “Joseph Stalin: The Last Years, the Last Days.”

“We don’t watch heavy films about war,” said Olga Altukhova, 66, a retired saleswoman whose birthday April 17 was marked by a bouquet of tulips.

Altukhova has refused to evacuate because her disabled husband and mentally disabled son are still inside nearby Building 40 and physically can’t leave. Most every hour, she leaves the basement and talks to her husband as he leans out the window from the sixth floor. The fear of leaving is fueled by the unknown. The 12 have heard stories about those who have fled.

“I was speaking to a friend who moved to another part of Kharkiv on the phone yesterday,” Kuznetsova said. “She says, ‘We are eating plain noodles now, nothing is left, and the volunteers won’t bring anything after we call them.’”

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WORLD & NATION

How Zelenskyy evolved into a wartime leader

Once a comic actor, Ukrainian president now a uniting force

By Andrew E. Kramer
The New York Times

KYIV, Ukraine — Russian tanks were rolling over the border and Kyiv, the Ukrainian capital, was in the grips of fear and panic. Street fighting broke out and a Russian armored column, barreling into the city, advanced to within 2 miles of the office of President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

dent Volodymyr Zelenskyy. For those tense first days of the war, almost everyone – Russian President Vladimir Putin, military analysts and many Western officials – expected the Ukrainian leadership to fracture. Instead, Zelenskyy decided to personally remain in the capital, taking selfies as he traversed Kyiv to reassure his people. And he ordered his senior aides, many Cabinet members and much of his government to also stay put, despite the risks.

It was a crystallizing moment for Zelenskyy's government, ensuring a wide array of agencies kept running efficiently and in sync. Leading politicians put aside the sharp-elbowed infighting that had defined Ukrainian politics for decades and instead created a largely united front that continues today.

No senior officials defected or fled, and the bureaucracy quickly went onto a war footing.

"In the first days of the war, everybody was in shock, and everybody was thinking what to do — stay in Kyiv or evacuate," said Serhiy Nikiforov, Zelenskyy's spokesperson. "The president's decision was no one goes anywhere. We stay in Kyiv, and we fight. That cemented it"

To much of the world, Zelenskyy is best known for appearing by video link with a daily message of courage and defiance, to



Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy leads a group at a military base on Feb. 16. Eight days later, the country Zelenskyy leads would be invaded by Russia, but his government continues to present a unified front. **LYNSEY ADDARIO/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

rally his people and exhort allies to provide weapons, money and moral support. On Sunday, he commanded global attention again in a meeting in Kyiv with two top U.S. officials, Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, who pledged more military support and — in a move of symbolic importance — said the United States would move to reopen its embassy in Kyiv.

But behind the scenes, Zelenskyy's success is also rooted in the government's ability to operate smoothly and take measures to help people cope, such as sweeping deregulation to keep the economy afloat, and to provide essential goods and services.

By loosening rules around transporting cargo, for instance, the government was able to address a dire risk of food shortages in Kyiv in the early days of the war.

And in March, he dropped business taxes to 2% — and then only if the owner wanted to pay.

"Pay if you can, but if you cannot, there are no questions asked," Zelenskyy said at the time.

More contentiously, he combined six television stations that previously competed against one another into one outlet for news. The merger, he said, was necessary for national security, but it frustrated political opponents and free speech advocates.

He has also forged a truce with his primary domestic political opponent, former President Petro Poroshenko, with whom he had been feuding right up until the start of the war.

A tremendous wartime effect of rallying around the flag undoubtedly eased Zelenskyy's job, said Volodymyr Yermolenko, editor-in-chief of Ukraine World, a

magazine covering politics. "The peculiar thing about Ukrainian politics is the agency comes from society, not the political leaders," he said. "Zelenskyy is who he is due to the Ukrainian people, who are behind him, showing courage."

He added that “this is not to undermine his efforts” and credited Zelenskyy for adapting his populist, prewar politics into an effective leadership style in the crucible of conflict.

These days, Zelenskyy's workplace on Bankova Street is a hushed, darkened space crowded with soldiers; there are firing positions protected by sandbags in the corridors and on stairway landings. "We were prepared to fight exactly in this building," said Niki-forov.

A former comedic actor, Zelenskyy has surrounded himself with a group of loyalists from his days in

television, relationships that prompted accusations of cronyism in the past but that have served him well during the conflict by keeping his leadership team on the same page. And Zelenskyy has structured his days in a way that works for him.

Zelenskyy receives one-on-one phone briefings from Gen. Valeriy Zaluzhnyi, commander of the armed forces, multiple times a day and often first thing in the morning, aides and advisers said.

This is followed by a morning video conference with the prime minister, sometimes other members of the Cabinet, and military and intelligence agency leaders in a format that combines military and civilian decision-making, according to Nikiforov.

Tymofiy Mylovanov, a former minister of economy and now an economic adviser to the president's

office, likened Ukrainian politics to “loved ones fighting.”

"It's a family fight," he said. "But family comes first."

The inner circle is made up largely of media, movie and comedy industry veterans with backgrounds similar to Zelenskyy's.

In the first days of the war Zelenskyy set three priorities for his government's ministries, according to Mylovanov: weapons procurement, shipments of food and other goods, and maintaining supplies of gasoline and diesel fuel. The ministries were told to rewrite regulations to ensure swift delivery on all three tracks.

That was perhaps most helpful in the frantic rush early on to get food to Kyiv, which was at risk of being besieged and starved.

With the supply chain disrupted, the president's office brokered an arrangement among grocery chains, trucking companies and volunteer drivers to establish a single trucking service supplying all food stores. Stores would post a request on a website, and whichever driver was available would fill the order either for free or for the cost of gasoline.

Perhaps the most controversial move Zelenskyy made was to combine the six television newsrooms into one channel with a single report. Omitted from the group was the main opposition television station, Channel 5, affiliated with Poroshenko.

Zelenskyy positioned the move as necessary for national security. Opponents viewed it as the government suppressing dissent.

Mylovonov said Ukraine's pluralistic political culture would bounce back.

"Don't worry," he said. "We will be back to fighting over a liberal versus protectionist economic policy, price controls, how to attract investments, and all the rest of it."

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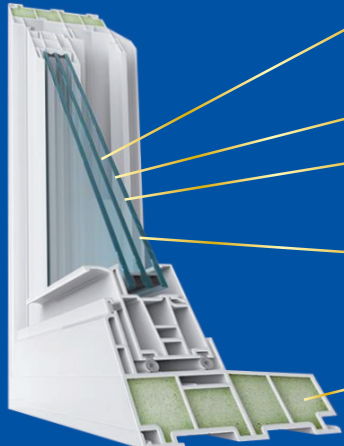
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WORLD & NATION

Pastor-led shelters teach migrants

Losses in fleeing poverty, violence include schooling

By Giovanna Dell’Orto
Associated Press

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico — His completed geometry exercise in hand and a smile lighting up his eyes above his face mask, Victor Rodas rushed to the teacher as other students were still drawing. “I’m winning the race!” the 12-year-old exclaimed. “I’m already done, teacher. I beat everyone.”

Being enrolled in a school program designed for migrant children in Ciudad Juarez, Victor does have a leg up on many others like him who, by fleeing poverty and violence, lose months or even years of schooling on their journeys.

Giving them access to education is a daunting and urgent challenge.

Just in this vast desert metropolis next to El Paso, Texas, thousands of migrant families have hunkered in shelters, waiting to cross into the United States. They’re prevented from seeking asylum there by U.S. policies that made some wait in Mexico for their court hearings and banned others under a pandemic-era order set to expire May 23.

Pastor-run shelters have partnered with educators to help — either busing children to an alternative school that teaches everything from math to reading to dealing with emotions, or bringing in specially accredited teachers.

While the curriculum is not religious, faith animates these projects, as it does many other migrant relief efforts at the border. It also informs many of the educators, who recognize schooling as crucial to the youths’ future, including their ability to socialize and eventually find jobs and feel at home wherever they end up. “They get integrated in



Migrant children work in their classroom last month at Casa Kolping, an alternative education center in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. UNICEF helps finance the center and attendees earn a transferable credit for Mexican and U.S. schools. **CHRISTIAN CHAVEZ/AP**

the educational system so they can keep gaining confidence,” said Teresa Almada, who runs Casa Kolping, where Victor studies, through a local organization funded three decades ago by lay members of Catholic parishes. “It’s also important that the families feel they’re not in hostile territory.”

Victor’s oldest sister, Katherine Rodas, 22, fled death threats in Honduras with him and two other siblings she raised after their mother died. While she and her husband are so fearful of gangs that they don’t dare leave their Catholic-run shelter, she leapt at the chance for the children to be bused to Casa Kolping.

“They say the teacher always takes good care of them, plays with them,” Rodas said. “They feel safe there.”

Their shelter, Casa Oscar Romero, is named for a beloved Salvadoran archbishop, known for minis-

tering to the poor, who was assassinated during his country’s civil war and later made a saint by Pope Francis. Many housed at this shelter and elsewhere in Ciudad Juarez fled Central America; growing numbers of Mexican families from areas engulfed in cartel warfare are arriving, too.

For a while after the school program started in October, teachers encouraged parents to join their children in the classrooms to build trust. Among them was Lucia, a single mother of three who fled the Mexican state of Michoacan after a drug cartel “took over the harvest and everything” in their home. She asked to be identified by just her first name for safety.

“Education is important so that they can develop as people, and they’ll be able to defend themselves from whatever life will put before them,” Lucia said as she made breakfast in the

small communal kitchen at the shelter, where the family had lived for nine months.

Her daughter Carol, 8, already had on her mask and pink backpack, ready to run ahead of the pack as soon as the school bus’s arrival was announced.

About three dozen children from Casa Oscar Romero and another shelter attend Casa Kolping. First to third graders like Carol gather in one classroom, and fourth to sixth graders like Victor meet across the hallway in a large room whose windows frame views of El Paso’s mountains.

Across the border, Victor imagines, schools will be “big, well cared for,” and will help him reach his goal of becoming an architect. He already practices drawing detailed houses, when he can find paper.

“If you ask the kids, their biggest dream is to cross to the United States,” said teacher Yolanda Garcia.

Many parents see no point in enrolling children in school in Mexico, where they don’t plan to stay. Also, many public educators are reluctant to admit migrant students for fear of losing teacher slots if class sizes shrink when they leave suddenly, said Dora Espinoza, a primary school principal in Ciudad Juarez.

“Why all that paperwork if the kid is going to be gone in two weeks” is one argument that makes promoting child migrant education such a challenge, said Paola Gomez, Mexico’s education officer for UNICEF. The U.N. child protection agency helps finance Casa Kolping as a pilot program, where attendance gets a kid transferable credit for both Mexican and U.S. schools.

In addition to uncertainty, poverty and discrimination bar nearly half of refugee children from school worldwide, according to the United Nations refugee

agency, UNHCR. But the biggest barrier is insecurity. Hounded by violence in their hometowns and preyed upon by gangs along the journey — often right up to a shelter’s doors — many parents are afraid to let children out of their sight.

The faith-run programs address that by providing secure transportation, as in the case of Casa Kolping, or bringing instructors directly to the migrants, as in the case of another Ciudad Juarez shelter, Buen Samaritano, Spanish for good Samaritan.

Still, the children take serious traumas with them to the classroom.

“‘Teacher, I’m here because they murdered my parents.’ They tell it in detail, children don’t cover anything up,” said Samuel Jimenez, a teacher at Buen Samaritano on a recent blustery afternoon. “In the moment they’re here, we can take them out of that reality. They forget it.”

Led by a Methodist pastor and his wife, Buen Samaritano housed more than 70 migrants that day, half of them minors.

Ten-year-old Aritzi Ciriaco, a fourth grader from Michoacan who had been at Buen Samaritano since August with her parents and grandparents, couldn’t wait to get started on the day’s Spanish exercises. She worried that learning English and navigating U.S. schools would be hard once they cross the border.

“The teachers were telling me that there you can’t miss a single class,” Aritzi said.

Other challenges for the instructors include catching up students who arrive unable to read or write.

“We are faced with all kinds of falling behind,” said Garcia at Casa Kolping. “But most of all, with a lot of desire to learn. They missed school. When you give them their notebooks, the emotion on their face ... some even tell you, ‘How lovely it feels to learn.’”



Astronauts including Jessica Watkins, left, and Bob Hines rally before the SpaceX launch on Wednesday at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. **GREGG NEWTON/GETTY-APP**

SpaceX launches crew of 4 for NASA after private flight

By Marcia Dunn
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — SpaceX launched four astronauts to the International Space Station for NASA on Wednesday, less than two days after completing a flight chartered by millionaires.

It’s the first NASA crew comprised equally of men and women, including the first Black woman making a long-term spaceflight, Jessica Watkins.

“This is one of the most diversified, I think, crews that we’ve had in a really, really long time,” said NASA space operations mission chief Kathy Lueders.

The astronauts were due to arrive at the space station Wednesday night, 16 hours after a predawn liftoff from Kennedy Space Center that thrilled spectators.

“Anyone who saw it realized what a beautiful launch it was,” Lueders told reporters. After an express flight comparable to traveling from New York to Singapore, the crew will move in for a five-month stay.

SpaceX has now launched five crews for NASA and two private trips

in just under two years. Elon Musk’s company is having an especially busy few weeks: It just finished taking three businessmen to and from the space station as NASA’s first private guests.

A week after the new crew arrives, the three Americans and German they’re replacing will return in their own SpaceX capsule. Three Russians also live at the space station.

Both SpaceX and NASA officials stressed they’re taking it one step at a time to ensure safety. The private mission that concluded Monday encountered no major problems, they said, although high wind delayed the splashdown for a week.

The SpaceX capsules are fully automated — which opens the space gates to a broader clientele — and they’re designed to accommodate a wider range of body sizes. At the same time, NASA and the European Space Agency have been pushing for more female astronauts.

While two Black women visited the space station during the shuttle era, neither stayed long. Watkins, a geologist

on NASA’s short list for a moon mission in the years ahead, sees her mission as “an important milestone, I think, both for the agency and for the country.”

Like Watkins, NASA astronaut and test pilot Bob Hines is making his first spaceflight. It’s the second visit for Lindgren, a physician, and the European Space Agency’s lone female astronaut, Samantha Cristoforetti, a former Italian Air Force fighter pilot.

The just-completed private flight was NASA’s first dip into space tourism after years of opposition. The space agency said the three people who paid \$55 million each to visit the space station blended in while doing experiments and educational outreach. They were accompanied by a former NASA astronaut employed by Houston-based Axiom Space, which arranged the flight.

“The International Space Station is not a vacation spot. It’s not an amusement park. It is an international laboratory, and they absolutely understood and respected that purpose,” said NASA flight director Zeb Scoville.

Trump appeals NY judge’s contempt ruling, daily fine

By Michael R. Sisak
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Donald Trump has appealed a New York judge’s decision to hold the former president in contempt of court and fine him \$10,000 per day for failing to comply with a subpoena for evidence in the state attorney general’s civil investigation into his business dealings.

Trump’s lawyer, Alina Habba, filed a notice of appeal Wednesday with the appellate division of the state’s trial court.

That marked the second time in two months that Trump has sought to overturn Manhattan Judge Arthur Engoron’s ruling against him in a subpoena matter.

In court papers, Habba questioned the legal basis for Engoron’s contempt ruling Monday, arguing that Trump had responded properly to the subpoena and that Attorney General Letitia James’ office failed to show his conduct “was calculated to defeat, impair, impede, or prejudice” its investigation.

James’ office refused to engage in “good-faith discussions” before seeking to have Trump fined, Habba argued.

In a statement Wednesday, James said Engoron’s order was clear on Trump being in contempt of court.

“We’ve seen this playbook before, and it has never stopped our investigation of Mr. Trump and his organization,” James said. “This time is no different.”

In another subpoena fight, Trump is challenging Engoron’s Feb. 17 ruling requiring that he answer questions under oath.

James has said that the probe uncovered evidence that Trump may have misstated the value of assets like skyscrapers and golf courses for more than a decade.

Oral arguments in that



Former President Donald Trump, shown attending a rally Saturday in Delaware, Ohio, is appealing a New York judge’s contempt order and \$10,000 daily fine. **JOE MAIORANA/AP**

appeal are scheduled for May 11.

Along with its subpoena for Trump’s testimony, James’ office issued a subpoena for numerous documents, including paperwork and communications pertaining to his financial statements, financing and debt for a Chicago hotel project and development plans for his Seven Springs Estate north of New York City, and even communications with Forbes magazine, where he sought to burnish his public image as a wealthy businessman.

James, a Democrat, asked Engoron to hold Trump in contempt after he failed to produce any documents by a March 31 court deadline. In his ruling, Engoron said that Trump and his lawyers not only failed to meet the deadline, but also failed to document the steps they had taken to search for the documents.

Instead, “Trump produced 16 pages of boilerplate objections and a four-page affirmation by counsel that states, summarily, that Mr. Trump was unable to locate any responsive documents in his custody,” Engoron said in a written version of his ruling. “The affirmation fails to identify what search methods were

employed, where they were employed, by whom they were employed, and where such searches took place.”

Habba, arguing at a hearing Monday, insisted that she went to great lengths to comply with the subpoena, even traveling to Trump’s home in Florida to ask him specifically whether he had in his possession any documents that would be responsive to the demand.

Habba noted that Trump does not send emails or text messages and has no work computer “at home or anywhere else.” She described the search for documents as “diligent,” but Engoron took issue with the lack of detail in her written response to the subpoena and questioned why it didn’t include an affidavit from Trump himself.

“You can’t just stand here and say I searched this and that,” Engoron said.

Trump, a Republican, is suing James in federal court in an effort to stop her investigation. He recently labeled her an “operative for the Democrat Party” and said her investigation and a parallel criminal probe overseen by Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg, another Democrat, are “a continuation of the greatest Witch Hunt of all time.”

WORLD & NATION

Putin getting ‘what he did not want’

Ukraine army gets Western weapons, guidance of NATO

By Robert Burns
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The longer Ukraine’s army fends off the invading Russians, the more it absorbs the advantages of Western weaponry and training — exactly the transformation President Vladimir Putin wanted to prevent by invading in the first place.

The list of arms flowing to Ukraine is long and growing longer.

It includes new American battlefield aerial drones and the most modern U.S. and Canadian artillery, antitank weapons from Norway and others, armored vehicles and antiship missiles from Britain and Stinger counter-air missiles from the U.S., Denmark and other countries.

If Ukraine can hold off the Russians, its accumulating arsenal of Western weapons could have a transformative effect in a country that has, like other former Soviet republics, relied mainly on arms and equipment from the Soviet era.

But sustaining that military aid won’t be easy. It is costly and, for some supplier nations, politically risky.

It also is being taken out of Western stockpiles that at some point will need to be replenished. That is why U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin convened a meeting Tuesday at Germany’s Ramstein Air Base to work out ways to keep it going, now and for the long run. Defense ministers and top military leaders from some 40 countries participated.

After the meeting, Austin told a news conference at Ramstein that Germany had agreed to send 50 Cheetah anti-aircraft weapons to Ukraine and that the meeting had served to unify the West’s efforts to help



Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin after a meeting with dozens of military officials Tuesday in Ramstein, Germany. **ANDRE PAIN/GETTY-AFP**

Ukraine “win today and build strength for tomorrow.” He said the participating nations had agreed to continue consultations through monthly meetings, either in person or virtually.

“We’ve got to move at the speed of war,” Austin said.

The goal, Austin said ahead of the conference, is not just to support Ukrainian defenses but to help them prevail against a larger invading force. In opening remarks to the meeting, he said Ukraine’s allies will “keep moving heaven and earth” to meet Ukraine’s near-term security requirements.

“We believe they can win if they have the right equipment, the right support,” Austin said Monday in Poland after returning from a visit to Kyiv with Secretary of State Antony Blinken

that included discussion of Ukraine’s military needs. He also said the goal is to “see Russia weakened to the degree that it can’t do the kinds of things it has done in invading Ukraine.”

Despite its early failings, the Russian military still holds some advantages that will be put to the test in the eastern Donbas region, where they are assembling more combat troops and firepower even as the U.S. and its NATO allies scramble to get artillery and other heavy weaponry to that area in time to make a difference.

With the war’s outcome in doubt after two months of fighting, the Pentagon is providing 90 of the U.S. Army’s most modern howitzers, along with 183,000 rounds of artillery — and other weaponry that could give the Ukrainians

an important edge in looming battles. The U.S. also is arranging more training for Ukrainians on key weaponry, including howitzers and at least two kinds of armed drone aircraft.

The Ukrainians say they need even more, including long-range air defense systems, fighter jets, tanks and multiple-launch rocket systems.

“It will be true to say that the United States now leads the effort in ensuring this transition of Ukraine to Western-style weapons, in arranging training for Ukrainian soldiers,” Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba said, adding, “and I only regret that it didn’t happen a month or two months ago from the very beginning of the war.”

Philip Breedlove, a retired U.S. general who led NATO

in Europe from 2013 to 2016, says his shorthand summary of what Putin wants in Ukraine and elsewhere on the Russian periphery is, “Weapons out, NATO back, and no America.”

“What has happened is, Mr. Putin is getting exactly what he did not want. He’s getting more weapons forward, he’s getting more NATO forward, and he’s getting more America in Europe,” Breedlove said in an interview.

The complexities of keeping up Western military aid to Ukraine, even as its troops are fully occupied with a brutal war, are a reminder of what is at stake. Putin said before launching the invasion that Moscow could not tolerate what he saw as a Western effort to make Ukraine a de facto member of NATO. He argued that

Ukraine’s interest in westernizing and in remaining outside of Russia’s orbit was due to “external forces” such as U.S. pressure.

Putin has demanded that Ukraine forswear membership in the NATO alliance, and beyond that he has insisted on turning back the clock to 1997, before NATO had begun adding former Soviet and Soviet-allied nations to its ranks.

There is little prospect of Ukraine joining NATO, but Russia’s war has in fact brought NATO closer to Ukraine.

The result has been a boost to Ukraine’s prospects for mounting a successful defense, even in the eastern Donbas region where the Russians hold certain advantages and where Russian-backed separatists have been fighting since 2014.

NEWS BRIEFING

Court in Myanmar sentences Suu Kyi to 5 years for corruption

From news services

BANGKOK — A court in military-ruled Myanmar convicted former leader Aung San Suu Kyi of corruption and sentenced her to five years in prison Wednesday in the first of several corruption cases against her.

Suu Kyi, 76, who was ousted by an army takeover last year, has denied the allegation that she accepted gold and hundreds of thousands of dollars in a bribe from a top political colleague.

The daughter of Aung San, Myanmar’s founding father, Suu Kyi became a public figure in 1988 during a failed uprising against a previous military government when she helped found the National League for Democracy party. She spent 15 of the next 21 years under house arrest for leading a nonviolent struggle for democracy that earned her the 1991 Nobel Peace Prize.

When the army allowed an election in 2015, her party won a landslide victory and she became the de facto head of state. Her party won a greater majority in the 2020 polls.

Suu Kyi is widely revered at home for her role in the country’s pro-democracy movement — and was long viewed abroad as an icon of that struggle, epitomized by her years under house arrest.

But she also has been heavily criticized for showing deference to the military while ignoring and, at times, even defending rights violations — most notably a 2017 crackdown on Rohingya Muslims that rights groups have labeled genocide.

She has already been sentenced to six years’ imprisonment in other cases and faces 10 more corruption charges. The maximum punishment under the Anti-Corruption Act is 15 years in prison and a fine

for each charge.

Convictions in the other cases could bring sentences of more than 100 years in prison in total.

Minneapolis police probe: The Minneapolis Police Department has engaged in a pattern of race discrimination for at least a decade, including stopping and arresting Black people at a higher rate than white people, using force more often on people of color and maintaining a culture where racist language is tolerated, a state investigation launched after the 2020 killing of George Floyd found.

The report released Wednesday by the Minnesota Department of Human Rights said the agency and the city would negotiate a court-enforceable agreement to address the problems identified in the report, with input from residents, officers, city staff and others.

The report said police department data “demonstrates significant racial disparities with respect to officers’ use of force, traffic stops, searches, citations, and arrests.” And it said officers “used covert social media to surveil Black individuals and Black organizations, unrelated to criminal activity, and maintain an organizational culture where some officers and supervisors use racist, misogynistic, and disrespectful language with impunity.”

The report also said the city and police department “do not need to wait to institute immediate changes to begin to address the causes of discrimination that weaken the City’s public safety system and harm community members.”

It listed several steps that the city can take now, including implementing stronger internal oversight to hold officers accountable.



Honoring Albright: President Joe Biden, second left, former President Barack Obama and former first lady Michelle Obama, former President Bill Clinton and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton attend the funeral service for Madeline Albright, the first female secretary of state in U.S. history, on Wednesday in Washington. Albright died March 23 at 84. **WIN MCNAMEE/GETTY**

Call for hate crimes law: People who want South Carolina to become the 49th U.S. state to pass a hate crimes law have explained, bargained and begged Republicans in the state Senate to debate the bill.

On Wednesday, they turned to one of the survivors of one of the most heinous racist attacks in modern America.

They showed a 2-minute video of Polly Sheppard to the Senate chamber, where the bill has been stuck for months with eight Republican senators objecting and only eight more legislative days to take action.

The gunman who killed nine of Sheppard’s church friends in 2015 pointed his gun at the woman, but said he would spare her life so she could let people know he was killing Blacks because he hated them.

The killer at Emanuel AME is on death row after being convicted of hate crimes under federal law, a point opponents of the bill use to say it’s unnecessary.

Census data: The next release of detailed data about U.S. residents from the 2020 census will be postponed until next year because the U.S. Census Bureau said Wednesday that it needs more time to crunch the numbers, including implementing a controversial method used to protect participants’ identities.

Two sets of detailed data about U.S. residents’ age, sex, race, Hispanic origin, relationships in households and housing won’t be released until May 2023. A subsequent round of detailed data on race and ethnic groups won’t be released until August 2023.

Other rounds of data on household relationships will be made public later in 2023, according to the Census Bureau.

The statistical agency previously had planned to release the data sets later this year.

testified Wednesday that Pope Francis asked him to help the Vatican secretariat of state get full control of a London property, once again putting the pope and his top deputies in the spotlight for their roles in the problematic deal.

Tommaso Di Ruzza is one of 10 people accused in the Vatican’s sprawling financial trial, which is centered on the secretariat of state’s 350 million euro investment in a luxury London property.

Vatican prosecutors have accused brokers and Vatican officials of fleecing the Holy See of millions of euros in fees, much of it donations from the faithful, and then extorting the Vatican of 15 million euros to get full control of the property.

Di Ruzza, the former director of the Vatican’s Financial Information Authority, or AIF, is accused of abuse of office for allegedly failing to block the 15 million payment to broker Gianluigi Torzi and of allegedly failing to alert Vatican prosecutors to a

seemingly suspicious deal.

Reptile extinction: More than 1 in 5 species of reptiles worldwide are threatened with extinction, according to a comprehensive new assessment of thousands of species published Wednesday in the journal Nature.

Of 10,196 reptile species analyzed, 21% were classified as endangered, critically endangered or vulnerable to extinction — including the iconic hooded snakes of South and Southeast Asia.

Similar prior assessments had been conducted for mammals, birds and amphibians, informing government decisions about how to draw boundaries of national parks and allocate environmental funds.

Work on the reptile study, which involved nearly 1,000 scientists and 52 co-authors, started in 2005.

The project was slowed by challenges in fundraising, said co-author Bruce Young, a zoologist at the nonprofit science organization NatureServe.

BUSINESS

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Amazon center’s collapse prompts OSHA warning

Investigators urge better safety measures after December tornado killed 6 in Ill.

By **Haleluya Hadero**
Associated Press

U.S. regulators are calling on Amazon to improve its procedures for dealing with severe weather like hurricanes and tornadoes that could threaten workers at its warehouses dotted across the country.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration on Tuesday sent a “Hazard Alert Letter” to the Seattle-based e-commerce giant following the agency’s investigation into the deadly collapse of a company warehouse in Edwardsville, Illinois, in December. Six people died and another was critically injured in the tornado strike.

The investigation raised concerns about the potential risk to employees during severe weather emergencies,” according to the letter sent to Amazon that OSHA made public.

The agency said its inspection found that, while the company’s severe weather procedures had met minimal federal safety guidelines for storm sheltering, the company still needed to further protect its workers and

contract employees. The letter requires Amazon to review its severe weather emergency procedures but the company won’t face any fines or penalties.

In interviews with Amazon and contract workers, OSHA officials found some employees couldn’t recall ever participating in severe weather drills, or the location of the facility’s shelter. Kelly Nantel, an Amazon spokesperson, however, said employees receive emergency response training, which is “reinforced throughout the year.”

“OSHA’s investigation did not find any violations or causes for citations, but we’re constantly looking to innovate and improve our safety measures and have already begun conducting additional safety and emergency preparedness drills at our sites and will carefully consider any OSHA recommendation that we have not already,” Nantel said.

Amazon has noted workers at the warehouse, known as a “delivery station,” had little time to prepare when the National Weather Service declared a tornado warn-

ing on Dec. 10. About 10 minutes before the tornado touched down, the agency said managers directed workers to go to a restroom in response to tornado warnings and other weather alerts.

But some employees unaware of the designated tornado shelter — a restroom in the northern portion of the building — went to a restroom in the hard-hit south end, the agency said. All the injured and killed had taken shelter in the southside bathroom.

In the inspection, the agency said it also reviewed contractor safety and training records as well as the facility’s written “Emergency Action Plan.” Officials took issue with the plan, writing in the letter it “was not customized with specific instructions” for hazards expected at the Edwardsville site.

Though Amazon had posted evacuation maps at the facility showing the location of the designated shelter, officials found the written plan did not “specifically identify” the location in the warehouse. Nantel said Amazon’s buildings have “emergency plans that identify exit routes and shelter areas.”

Economists: Russian gas cutoff could hurt Europe

By **Liz Alderman**
The New York Times

Russia’s suspension of natural gas service to Poland and Bulgaria will not do immediate damage to the European economy, but Europe could face a sharp slowdown of growth if the cutoff spreads to other countries — or if Europe imposes an embargo on Russian gas, economists said.

Russia’s war on Ukraine is already rippling through Europe, lashing energy prices and hurting manufacturers just as the bloc was recovering from a pandemic-induced recession.

The International Monetary Fund last week cut its 2022 growth forecast for the countries that use the euro to 2.8%, from a 3.9% estimate in January, with Germany, the largest economy, taking a big hit.

The euro fell Wednesday below \$1.06 for the first time in five years on rising concerns about energy security and a slowdown in European growth. The currency has slumped nearly 4% against the U.S. dollar in April alone.

The action this week by Gazprom, Russia’s oil monopoly, to turn off the gas taps to two European Union nations was unlikely to tip Europe into a fresh recession immediately. This is in part because Europe “still has many diplomatic and fiscal policy responses available” to combat one, said Mark Haefele, chief investment officer at UBS, in a note to clients.

But the specter of an outright energy war — including a potential European embargo on Russian gas and oil — is looming at a vulnerable time. European companies are already facing higher energy costs, which are threatening profit margins and squeezing consumers’ purchasing power.

The EU has been drafting plans for an embargo on Russian oil but made no mention of it in the hours after Gazprom’s cutoff.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

EU eyes law to shield journalists

BRUSSELS — The European Union’s executive arm said Wednesday that it wants to see the EU adopt a law to protect journalists and civil rights activists from lawsuits aimed at censoring them.

The European Commission proposed safeguards to curb SLAPPs, or strategic lawsuits against public participation.

It described such litigation as a “serious threat to democracy and fundamental rights, such as freedom of expression and information.”

The proposed law would allow courts to dismiss cases early in the proceedings and puts the burden of proof on the parties bringing lawsuits “to prove that the case is not manifestly unfounded,” the commission said.

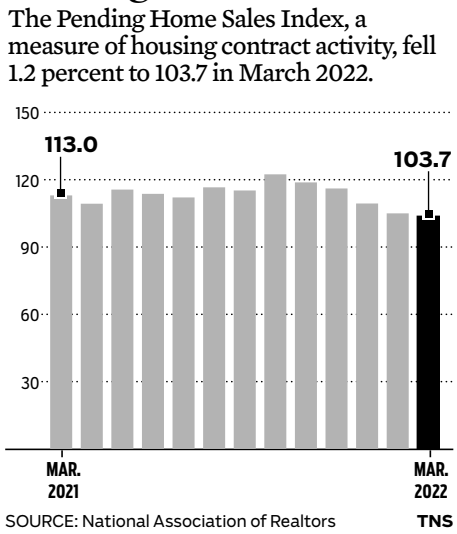
\$1.1B Ore. timber verdict reversed

PORTLAND, Ore. — The Oregon Court of Appeals on Wednesday overturned a \$1.1 billion verdict against the state over its forest management practices.

A Linn County jury found in 2019 that Oregon breached its contract with 13 rural counties and 151 local taxing districts under the Forest Acquisition Act by failing to maximize timber harvests on state forests over the last two decades. The state Department of Forestry believes it has the discretion to manage the land for wildlife and recreation.

The appeals court ruled that the language and intent of that act in its history and context — and without any “useful” legislative action on the issue — “does not clearly and unmistakably create a contractual obligation.”

Pending home sales



ANALYSIS

Will Twitter repeat history?

Musk’s desire to make the social media platform a haven for free speech failed once

By **Barbara Ortutay and Amanda Seitz**
Associated Press

Elon Musk, the world’s richest man, is spending \$44 billion to acquire Twitter with the stated aim of turning it into a haven for “free speech.”

There’s just one problem: The social platform has been down this road before, and it didn’t end well.

A decade ago, a Twitter executive dubbed the company “the free speech wing of the free speech party” to underscore its commitment to untrammelled freedom of expression. Subsequent events put that moniker to the test, as repressive regimes cracked down on Twitter users, particularly in the wake of the short-lived “Arab Spring” demonstrations. In the U.S., a visceral 2014 article by journalist Amanda Hess exposed the incessant, vile harassment many women faced just for posting on Twitter or other online forums.

Over the subsequent years, Twitter learned a few things about the consequences of running a largely unmoderated social platform — one of the most important being that companies generally don’t want their ads running against violent threats, hate speech that bleeds into incitement and misinformation that aims to tip elections or undermine public health.

“With Musk, his posturing of free speech — just leave everything up — that would be bad in and of itself,” said Paul Barrett, the deputy director of the Center for Business and Human Rights at New York University. “If you stop moderating with automated systems and human reviews, a site like Twitter, in the space of a short period of time, you would have a cesspool.”

Google, Barrett pointed out, quickly learned this lesson the hard way when major companies like Toyota and Anheuser-Busch yanked their ads after they ran ahead of YouTube videos produced by extremists in 2015.

Once it was clear just how unhealthy the conversation had gotten, Twitter co-founder and former CEO Jack Dorsey spent years trying to improve what he

called the “health” of the conversation on the platform.

Twitter has continued to craft rules and invested in staff and technology that detect violent threats, harassment and misinformation that violates its policies. After evidence emerged that Russia used their platforms to try to interfere with the 2016 U.S. presidential election, social media companies also stepped up their efforts against political misinformation.

The big question now is how far Musk, who describes himself as a “free-speech absolutist,” wants to ratchet back these systems — and whether users and advertisers will stick around if he does.

Even now, Americans say they’re more likely to be harassed on social media than any other online forum, with women, people of color and LGBTQ users reporting a disproportionate amount of that abuse.

Meanwhile, terms like “censorship” and “free speech” have turned into political rallying cries for conservatives, frustrated by seeing right-leaning commentators and high-profile Republican officials booted off Facebook and Twitter for violating their rules.

Collapsed hedge fund owner, ex-CFO charged

By **Larry Neumeister**
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The owner of a New York-based hedge fund that collapsed when it defaulted on margin calls was arrested Wednesday on charges alleging he defrauded leading global investment banks and brokerages of billions of dollars by telling them lies so his private investment firm could grow its portfolio from \$10 billion to \$160 billion.

The charges unsealed in an indictment in Manhattan federal court named Bill Hwang, the founder of Archegos Capital Management, and his former chief financial officer, Patrick Halligan. They face racketeering conspiracy and fraud charges.

Hwang carried out the fraud from March 2020 to March 2021 by originally investing his personal fortune, which grew from \$1.5 billion to over \$35 billion, and later the investments he borrowed from major banks and brokerages, which grew from about \$10 billion to over \$160 billion, the indictment said.

He hid the extent of his market prowess from investors by using derivative securities that had no public disclosure requirement, it said.

“As a result, despite the size of Archegos’s positions, the investing public did not know that Archegos had come to dominate the trading and stock ownership of multiple companies,” the indictment said.

The risky maneuvers made the firm’s

portfolio highly vulnerable to price fluctuations in a handful of stocks, causing a flurry of margin calls in late March 2021 that had a destructive domino effect. Over \$100 billion in market value disappeared in days for nearly a dozen companies and banks and prime brokers duped by Archegos lost billions, the indictment said.

It said the schemes also caused millions of dollars in losses for innocent Archegos employees who had been required to allocate to the firm a substantial amount of their pay as deferred compensation.

Hwang’s attorney, Lawrence Lustberg, said lawyers were “extremely disappointed” with a prosecution that they believe has “absolutely no factual or legal basis.”

BUSINESS



Virginia-based Dominion Energy has touted economic benefits as it seeks to build what it calls the country's largest offshore wind farm in the Atlantic Ocean. **STEVE HELBER/AP**

Virginia wind farm job claims questioned by state regulators

By Sarah Rankin
Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — As Virginia-based Dominion Energy seeks to build what it calls the country's largest offshore wind farm in the Atlantic Ocean, the company and its supporters have touted the economic development opportunities expected to accompany the 176-turbine project.

But state regulators, who are considering whether to grant approval for the massive project, say the economic picture might not be so rosy.

In testimony filed this month, regulators said that in claiming the wind farm will create jobs and tax growth, the company relied on a "stale" study that didn't account for the impact of its Virginia electric utility rate-payers bearing the cost of the nearly \$10 billion project. The State Corporation Commission's own analysis found the project was expected to come with an economic cost — including 1,100 lost jobs in the first five rate-years of the project — that might negate any "speculative" benefits.

"Any economic bene-

fits that are likely to arise will do so as a result of new investment in industries in Hampton Roads and Virginia that support offshore wind facility development. The degree to which this new investment occurs is speculative," according to the commission analysis from Mark Carsley, a utilities manager in the division of public utility regulation.

In a rebuttal filing Friday, Dominion took issue with Carsley's testimony and argued that under a 2020 law called the Virginia Clean Economy Act, or VCEA, that helped pave the way for the wind farm, such a cost-benefit analysis doesn't need to be considered.

Dominion's wind farm, which would be located about 27 miles off the coast of Virginia Beach, has been years in the making. The company announced its specific plans for the commercial-scale project in September 2019. At the time, Dominion had a two-turbine offshore wind pilot project underway.

Dominion then filed its application for the full project with the commission in

November. The commission's decision on whether to approve the project and allow the costs of it to be recovered from ratepayers is due by Aug. 5, a spokesman said, and a separate federal review process is also underway.

The project will help Dominion meet the goals of the VCEA, a sweeping overhaul of the state's energy policy enacted by Democrats that included a number of renewable energy mandates intended to help address the threats of climate change. The wind farm will also help the company meet its own pledge to reach net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

The VCEA directed Dominion to submit a plan to the commission for review that addresses the economic development benefits the project is expected to bring to Virginia.

Instead of conducting an independent study, Dominion met that requirement by relying on a study prepared for a nonprofit economic development organization, the Hampton Roads Alliance, Carsley wrote.

WAR IN UKRAINE

World feels Russian invasion impact on cooking oil prices

By Dee-Ann Durbin,
Ayse Wieting
and Kelvin Chan
Associated Press

ISTANBUL — For months, Istanbul restaurant Tarihi Balikca tried to absorb the surging cost of the sunflower oil its cooks use to fry fish, squid and mussels.

But in early April, with oil prices nearly four times higher than they were in 2019, the restaurant finally raised its prices. Now, even some longtime customers look at the menu and walk away.

"We resisted. We said, 'Let's wait a bit, maybe the market will improve, maybe (prices) will stabilize.' But we saw that there is no improvement," said Mahsun Aktas, a waiter and cook at the restaurant. "The customer cannot afford it."

Global cooking oil prices have been rising since the COVID-19 pandemic began for multiple reasons, from poor harvests in South America to virus-related labor shortages and steadily increasing demand from the biofuel industry. The war in Ukraine — which supplies nearly half of the world's sunflower oil, on top of the 25% from Russia — has interrupted shipments and sent cooking oil prices spiraling.

It is the latest blow to the global food supply from Russia's war, and another rising cost pinching households and businesses as inflation soars. The conflict has further fueled already high food and energy costs, hitting the poorest people hardest.

Vegetable oil prices hit a record high in February, then increased another 23% in March, according to the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization. Soybean oil, which sold for \$765 per metric ton in 2019, was aver-



A woman fries potatoes last week in the low-income Kibera neighborhood of Nairobi, Kenya. **KHALIL SENOSI/AP**

aging \$1,957 per metric ton in March, the World Bank said. Palm oil prices were up 200% and are set to go even higher as Indonesia, one of the world's top producers, bans cooking oil exports this week to protect domestic supply.

Some supermarkets in Turkey have imposed limits on the amount of vegetable oil that households can buy after concerns about shortages sparked panic buying. Some stores in Spain, Italy and the United Kingdom also have set limits. In a recent tweet, Kenya's main power company warned that thieves are draining toxic fluid from electrical transformers and reselling it as cooking oil.

"We will just have to boil everything now, the days of the frying pan are gone," said Claudina Nyoni, scanning prices in a supermarket in Harare, Zimbabwe, where oil costs have almost doubled since the outbreak of the war. A 2-liter bottle now costs up to \$9.

Across the world at Jordan's Grab n' Go, a small restaurant in Dyersburg, Tennessee, known for its fried cheeseburgers, owner Christine Coronado also agonized about price increases. But with costs up 20% across the board — and cooking oil prices nearly

tripling since she opened in 2018 — she finally hiked prices in April.

"You hate to raise prices on people, but it's just that costs are so much higher than they were a couple of years ago," she said.

Big companies are feeling the pain, too. London-based Unilever — maker of Dove soap and Hellmann's mayonnaise — said it has contracts for critical ingredients like palm oil for the first half of the year. But it warned investors that its costs could rise significantly in the second half.

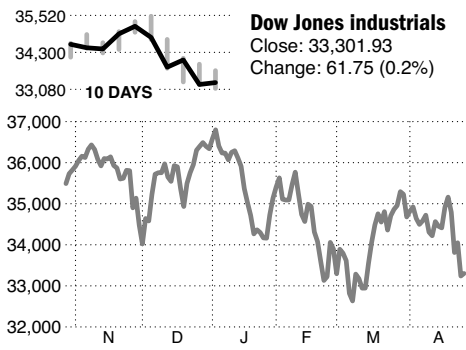
Prices could moderate by this fall, when farmers in the Northern Hemisphere harvest corn, soybeans and other crops, said Joseph Glauber, a senior research fellow at the International Food Policy Research Institute. But there's always the danger of bad weather. Last year, drought pummeled Canada's canola crop and Brazil's soybean crop, while heavy rains affected palm oil production in Malaysia.

And farmers may be hesitant to plant enough crops to make up for shortfalls from Ukraine or Russia because they don't know when the war might end, said Steve Mathews, co-head of research at Gro Intelligence, an agriculture data and analytics company.

MARKET RUNDOWN

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Natural Gas (mm btu)	7.08	6.85	+89.79%
Unleaded Gas (gal)	3.46	3.34	+55.10%
METALS	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD
Gold (oz)	1,885.90	1,901.40	+3.20%
Silver (oz)	23.46	23.54	+5.6%

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Foreign Exchange			Money Rates		
	ForEx in U.S. \$	U.S. \$ in ForEx		CLOSE	PREV. WK.
Britain	1.2542	.7973	Prime rate	3.50	3.50
Canada	.7794	1.2830	3-mo. T-Bill	0.83	0.83
China	.1524	6.5605	6-mo. T-Bill	1.39	1.28
Euro	1.0562	.9468	5-yr T-Note	2.81	2.87
Japan	.007791	128.35	10-yr T-Note	2.81	2.84
Mexico	.049019	20.4003	30-yr T-Bond	2.91	2.88

Global Markets				
	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	%YTD
Frankfurt	13,793.94	+37.54	+2.7%	-13.16%
London	7,425.61	+39.42	+5.3%	+5.6%
Hong Kong	19,946.36	+11.65	+0.6%	-14.75%
Nikkei	26,386.63	-313.48	-1.17%	-8.35%

Domestic Indexes			
	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD
DOW Indus.	33,301.93	+61.75	-8.36%
DOW Trans.	14,932.79	+184.78	-9.38%
DOW Util.	1,016.95	-5.63	+3.69%
NYSE Comp.	15,741.82	+47.58	-8.29%
Nasdaq Comp.	12,488.93	-1.81	-20.17%
S&P 500	4,183.96	+8.76	-12.22%
S&P 400	2,522.93	+6.1	-11.23%
Wilshire 5000	41,857.34	+39.98	-13.63%
Russell 2000	1,884.04	-6.43	-16.09%

Stocks of Local Interest

STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	YTD
AT&T Inc (T)	19.07	-.23	-22.5	
Acutus Medical Inc (AFIB)	1.09	+.29	-68.0	
Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	84.91	-.25	-41.0	
Amcor plc (AMCR)	12.02	+.41	+.1	
American Airlines Gp (AAL)	18.97	+.20	+5.6	
Amphenol Corp (APH)	70.16	+1.61	-19.8	
Annaly Capital Mgmt (NLY)	6.33	...	-19.1	
Apple Inc (AAPL)	156.57	-.23	-11.8	
Avangrid Inc (AGR)	45.42	-1.00	-8.9	
Bank of America (BAC)	36.25	-.20	-18.5	
Barnes Group (B)	35.88	...	-23.0	
BitNile Holdings Inc (NILE)	.40	-.03	-66.2	
Boeing Co (BA)	154.46	-12.58	-23.3	
Booking Holdings (BKNG)	2258.95	+98.99	-5.8	
Borqs Technologies (BRQS)	.37	+.03	+.5	
Brist Myr Sqb (BMY)	75.81	+.22	+21.6	
CVS Health Corp (CVS)	100.85	-.58	-2.2	
Carnival Corp (CCL)	17.41	-.09	-13.5	
Carrier Global Corp (CARR)	40.26	+.21	-25.8	
Charter Communic (CHTR)	482.01	-4.94	-26.1	
Cigna Corp (CI)	250.77	-1.83	+9.2	
Cisco Syst (CSCO)	49.31	-1.59	-22.2	
Comcast Corp A (CMCSA)	44.45	-.12	-11.7	
Cosmos Holdings Inc (COSM)	1.42	+.36	-57.0	
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Disney (DIS)	115.21	-.56	-25.6	
EMCOR Group Inc (EME)	111.95	+.13	-12.1	
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Eversource Energy (ES)	89.51	-.21	-1.6	
Exxon Mobil Corp (XOM)	84.64	+2.35	+38.3	
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Intel Corp (INTC)	45.22	-.30	-12.2	
Kaman (KAMN)	39.92	-.48	-7.5	
Keycorp (KEY)	19.86	-.05	-14.1	
Lincoln Natl Corp (LNC)	61.65	+.48	-9.7	
Lucid Group Inc (LCID)	18.07	+.43	-52.5	
M&T Bank (MTB)	171.25	+2.04	+11.5	
MGM Resorts Intl (MGM)	40.34	-.01	-10.1	

STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	YTD
Meta Platforms Inc (FB)	174.95	-6.00	-48.0	
MetLife Inc (MET)	66.90	+.18	+7.1	
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Nutex Health Inc (NUTX)	8.72	+1.04	-78.2	
Nvidia Corporation (NVDA)	184.15	-3.73	-37.4	
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PG&E Corp (PCG)	12.49	+.26	+2.9	
Palantir Technol (PLTR)	10.56	-.56	-42.0	
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Pinterest Inc (PINS)	18.67	-.55	-48.6	
Pitney Bowes (PBI)	4.31	-.16	-35.0	
Prudential FncI (PRU)	110.79	+.40	+2.4	
Pub Svc Ent Gp (PEG)	70.45	-.81	+5.6	
Raytheon Technolog (RTX)	98.84	-.35	+14.9	
Rogers Corp (ROG)	272.60	+.10	-.1	
Roblox Corp (RBLX)	30.36	-1.40	-70.6	
SS&C Technologies (SSNC)	67.93	+1.01	-17.1	
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc (SIRI)	5.97	-.08	-6.0	
Snap Inc A (SNAP)	27.09	-1.60	-42.4	
SoFi Technologies (SOFI)	6.15	-.14	-61.1	
Sthwstn Energy (SWN)	7.37	+.14	+58.2	
Stanley Black & Deck (SWK)	139.14	+.96	-26.2	
Starwood Prop Trust (STWD)	23.18	-.02	-4.6	
Sundial Growers Inc (SNDL)	.53	+.03	-8.7	
Terex Corp (TEX)	34.22	+.51	-22.1	
Travelers Cos (TRV)	173.55	+.89	+10.9	
Twitter Inc (TWTR)	48.64	-1.04	+12.5	
Uber Technologies (UBER)	30.68	-.65	-26.8	
United Rentals (URI)	309.62	+7.36	-6.8	
UnitedHealth Group (UNH)	513.81	+.03	+2.3	
Verizon Comm (VZ)	48.46	-.95	-6.7	
Virtus Invest (VRTS)	182.43	-2.60	-38.6	
Vivakor Inc (VIVK)	3.65	+1.94	-7.6	
Voya Financial (VOYA)	64.38	-.16	-2.9	
Warner Bros Disc A (WBD)	18.83	-1.00	-23.7	
Webster Financial (WBS)	48.67	+.17	-12.8	
White Mtns Insur (WTM)	1048.91	-5.51	+3.5	
World Wrestling Ent (WWE)	59.59	-1.02	+20.8	
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Will the right’s mob get its pound of flesh from Disney?



Jonah Goldberg

“Freedom is awaking from its coma today because of a huge, huge, huge Supreme Court decision — huge,” Rush Limbaugh declared in 2010. “I cannot tell you how big this is.”

What had roused freedom from its slumber? The Supreme Court’s Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission decision, which ruled that corporations have First Amendment rights.

I thought then, like most conservatives, that the court was correct. Unlike many these days, I still do. The New York Times Co. has every right to argue for its preferred policies, and so does Koch Industries.

It’s difficult to exaggerate how committed the right once was to this principle and how much it appalled the left. Masterpiece Cakeshop, we conservatives contended, had every right not to be compelled to make “gay wedding cakes” because of the owner’s religious beliefs. Hobby Lobby had a First Amendment right to defy provisions of the Affordable Care Act that violated its religious freedom. We won both arguments at the Supreme Court.

That era is now officially over.

Florida recently passed the Parental Rights in Education bill (tendentiously called the “Don’t Say Gay” law by detractors). The Disney Co., under Chief Executive Bob Chapek, tried to stay out of the controversy. But a pincers movement of internal and external political pressure forced the company to publicly oppose the bill.

Worse, a video of a Disney meeting at which executives boasted of their “not at all secret” agenda to incorporate gay and transgender themes into Disney content was leaked at the worst possible moment. The very online right was already in a



Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, seen in February speaking at the Conservative Political Action Conference in Orlando, Fla., may be contemplating a run for president in 2024. **JOHN RAOUX/AP**

full-blown moral panic about pedophilia, basically holding that anyone who opposed the bill was either a “groomer” or “groomer friendly.” (Once a term for adults who manipulate underage children for sexual abuse, “groomer” suddenly meant dissenters from a moral crusade.)

Against the broader backdrop of the populist fatalism of the Trump era, which holds that conservatives “never win” when they play by the rules, it was something of a perfect storm.

Florida Republicans, led by Gov. Ron DeSantis, voted to strip Disney World of its special status under something called the Reedy Creek Improvement District. Crafted by Republicans in 1967, the improvement district deal exempted Disney World from zoning and tax laws

in exchange for Disney transforming a massive amount of swampy land into the Magic Kingdom and running it without taxpayer money.

Economically and politically, it was win-win for both Disney and Florida — until last week, when a remarkable number of politicians suddenly embraced a purist libertarian opposition to such public-private partnerships of which there are over a thousand in Florida.

Of course, Orlando International Airport and Daytona International Speedway, with similar exemptions, will be fine, because the libertarian arguments are pretextual. This was about punishing Disney. Florida’s lieutenant governor even admits that if Disney simply changed its politics, everything could go back to normal.

Oh, is that all?

The view on the right is that DeSantis is a courageous brawler, beating back a behemoth of “woke capitalism.” It’s certainly true that DeSantis comes out a winner on the national stage as he contemplates a presidential run in 2024.

I will also concede that DeSantis’ supporters have a point. If corporations will let themselves be bullied out of their lanes by the left, they shouldn’t be surprised if they invite retaliation from the right. As problematic as I find this whole spectacle, it would be a good thing if corporations thought twice about picking sides in the culture war. As Michael Jordan once said, “Republicans buy sneakers too.”

But whether the costs outweigh the benefits is unknowable, particularly in a climate in which what constitutes winning is redefined on the fly by Twitter mobs.

After all, as National Review’s Charlie Cooke notes, DeSantis had “already won”: Disney took its shot at the Florida parental rights bill, and even though all of its sponsors were recipients of Disney’s political contributions, Disney lost. But the right’s equivalent of Twitter-addicted woke activists wanted a pound of Mouse flesh.

Privately, some defenders say the Reedy Creek Improvement District rescission, which doesn’t go into effect until next year, will never happen. Saner heads will prevail, opting not to shift massive burdens onto county governments and taxpayers (this would explain why Disney has largely stayed mum). But that theory assumes DeSantis is the mob’s master.

And even if — a big if — corporate America takes the right lessons here, there’s no chance activists on the left or right will, at least for the foreseeable future. When you reward mobs, you get more mobs.

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Coffee was wildly popular in Sweden in the 17th century. It was also illegal then as the country’s king believed it was poison. **PEOPLEIMAGES/GETTY**

Data studies may upset faith in science

By Gary Smith
Bloomberg Opinion

Coffee was wildly popular in Sweden in the 17th century — and also illegal. King Gustav III believed that it was a slow poison and devised a clever experiment to prove it. He commuted the sentences of murderous twin brothers who were waiting to be beheaded, on one condition: One brother had to drink three pots of coffee every day while the other drank three pots of tea. The early death of the coffee-drinker would prove that coffee was poison.

It turned out that the coffee-drinking twin outlived the tea drinker, but it wasn’t until the 1820s that Swedes were finally legally permitted to do what they had been doing all along — drink lots of coffee.

The cornerstone of the scientific revolution is the insistence that claims be tested with data, ideally in a randomly controlled trial. Gustav’s experiment was noteworthy for his use of identical male twins, which eliminated the confounding effects of sex, age and genes. The most glaring weakness was that nothing statistically persuasive can come from such a small sample.

Today, the problem is not the scarcity of data, but the opposite. We have too much data, and it is undermining the credibility of science.

Luck is inherent in random trials. In a medical study, some patients may be healthier. In an agricultural study, some soil may be more fertile. In an educational study, some students may be more motivated. Researchers consequently calculate the probability (the p-value) that the outcomes might happen by chance. A low p-value indicates that the results cannot easily be attributed to the luck of the draw.

How low? In the 1920s, the great Brit-

ish statistician Ronald Fisher said that he considered p-values below 5% to be persuasive and, so, 5% became the hurdle for the “statistically significant” certification needed for publication, funding and fame.

It is not a difficult hurdle. Suppose that a hapless researcher calculates the correlations among hundreds of variables, blissfully unaware that the data are all, in fact, random numbers. On average, one out of 20 correlations will be statistically significant, even though every correlation is nothing more than coincidence.

Real researchers don’t correlate random numbers but, all too often, they correlate what are essentially randomly chosen variables. This haphazard search for statistical significance even has a name: data mining. As with random numbers, the correlation between randomly chosen, unrelated variables has a 5% chance of being fortuitously statistically significant. Data mining can be augmented by manipulating, pruning and otherwise torturing the data to get low p-values.

To find statistical significance, one need merely look sufficiently hard. Thus, the 5% hurdle has had the perverse effect of encouraging researchers to do more tests and report more meaningless results.

Thus, silly relationships are published in good journals simply because the results are statistically significant.

- Students do better on a recall test if they study for the test after taking it (Journal of Personality and Social Psychology).
- Japanese-Americans are prone to heart attacks on the fourth day of the month (British Medical Journal).
- Bitcoin prices can be predicted from stock returns in the paperboard, containers and boxes industry (National Bureau of Economic Research).

■ Elderly Chinese women can postpone their deaths until after the celebration of the Harvest Moon Festival (Journal of the American Medical Association).

■ Women who eat breakfast cereal daily are more likely to have male babies (Proceedings of the Royal Society).

■ People can use power poses to increase their dominance hormone testosterone and reduce their stress hormone cortisol (Psychological Science).

■ Hurricanes are deadlier if they have female names (Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences).

■ Investors can obtain a 23% annual return in the market by basing their buy/sell decisions on the number of Google searches for the word “debt” (Scientific Reports).

These now-discredited studies are the tip of a statistical iceberg that has come to be known as the replication crisis.

A team led by John Ioannidis looked at attempts to replicate 34 highly respected medical studies and found that only 20 were confirmed. The Reproducibility Project attempted to replicate 97 studies published in leading psychology journals and confirmed only 35. The Experimental Economics Replication Project attempted to replicate 18 experimental studies reported in leading economics journals and confirmed only 11.

I wrote a satirical paper that was intended to demonstrate the folly of data mining. I looked at Donald Trump’s voluminous tweets and found statistically significant correlations between: Trump tweeting the word “president” and the S&P 500 index two days later; Trump tweeting the word “ever” and the temperature in Moscow four days later; Trump tweeting the word “more” and the price of tea in China four days later; and Trump tweeting the word “democrat” and some random

numbers I had generated.

I concluded — tongue as firmly in cheek as I could hold it — that I had found “compelling evidence of the value of using data-mining algorithms to discover statistically persuasive, heretofore unknown correlations that can be used to make trustworthy predictions.”

I naively assumed that readers would get the point of this nerd joke: Large data sets can easily be mined and tortured to identify patterns that are utterly useless. I submitted the paper to an academic journal and the reviewer’s comments demonstrate beautifully how deeply embedded is the notion that statistical significance supersedes common sense: “The paper is generally well written and structured. This is an interesting study and the authors have collected unique datasets using cutting-edge methodology.”

It is tempting to believe that more data means more knowledge. However, the explosion in the number of things that are measured and recorded has magnified beyond belief the number of coincidental patterns and bogus statistical relationships waiting to deceive us.

If the number of true relationships yet to be discovered is limited, while the number of coincidental patterns is growing exponentially with the accumulation of more and more data, then the probability that a randomly discovered pattern is real is inevitably approaching zero.

The problem today is not that we have too few data, but that we have too much data, which seduces researchers into ransacking it for patterns that are easy to find, likely to be coincidental, and unlikely to be useful.

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Notice of Tentative Determination to Approve Applications for 401 Water Quality Certification, and Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Permit And Intent to Waive Public Hearing
Applicant(s): Connecticut Department of Transportation
Application No.: 202107729-IW &WQC
City/Town: Colchester

The Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection ("DEEP") hereby gives notice that a tentative determination has been reached to approve the following applications. The Commissioner also gives notice of intent to waive the requirement for public hearing provided that a hearing may be held if the Commissioner determines that the public interest will best be served thereby, or shall hold a hearing upon receipt of a petition as more thoroughly described below.

Application Numbers: 202107729-IW &WQC

Applicant's Name and Address: Connecticut Department of Transportation, 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06111

Contact Name and Phone No.: Kevin Carifa, (860) 594-2946 kevin.carifa@ct.gov

Type of Permits: Inland Wetlands and Watercourses and 401 Water Quality Certification

Relevant statute(s)/Regulation: Section 22a-39 of the Connecticut General Statutes, Section 401(a)(1) of the Federal Clean Water Act

Project Description: Three culvert rehabilitations

Project Location: Bridge 06696 under Rt 11 Northbound, Bridge 06781 under Rt 637, and Bridge 06820 under Rt 2 Eastbound

Water(s): Unnamed watercourses, unnamed wetlands, and Cabin Brook

COMMISSIONER'S FINDINGS/REGULATORY CONDITIONS

The proposed activities include rehabilitating bridge 06696 conveying an unnamed watercourse under Rt 11 NB, rehabilitating bridge 06781 conveying Cabin Brook under Rt 637, and rehabilitating bridge 06820 conveying an unnamed watercourse under Rt 2 EB, and will affect inland state and federal wetlands and watercourses.

Pursuant to CGS Section 22a-39, the Department has determined that the regulated activities are not likely to have a significant impact on the wetlands or watercourses and hereby publishes its intent to waive the requirement for an Inland Wetlands and Watercourses public hearing. Application number 202107729-WQC has been evaluated for compliance with the applicable provisions of Sections 302, 303, 306 and 307 of the Act and the Water Quality Standards of the State of Connecticut adopted pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Sections 22a-426.1 to 22a-426.9.

INFORMATION REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

This application has been assigned No. 202107729-WQC; please use this number when corresponding with DEEP regarding this application. Interested persons may obtain copies of the application from the applicant at the above address. Due to the ongoing Covid-19 virus pandemic, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection located at 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT is closed to the public until further notice. However, electronic copies of the application and supporting documentation can be provided to interested persons via email. Any such requests for electronic documents may be directed to Farrah Ashe of the Land and Water Resources Division at (860) 424-3169 or Farrah.Ashe@ct.gov.

Before making a final decision on this application, the Commissioner shall consider written comments on the application from interested persons. Written comments on the application should be directed to Farrah Ashe via electronic mail to: Farrah.Ashe@ct.gov no later than thirty (30) days from the publication date of this notice. Written comments may also be submitted in paper form to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection located at 79 Elm Street, Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse Hartford, CT. In this submittal please identify the name of the staff assigned to the application, the permit application number and your phone number and/or email address to facilitate responses to your comments. Due to the Covid-19 virus Pandemic and social distancing measures implemented by DEEP staff, there could be delays in the response to your comments. You may contact the staff person identified in this notice with any questions you may have.

PETITIONS FOR HEARING

The Commissioner may conduct a public hearing if the Commissioner determines that the public interest will best be served thereby, or shall hold a hearing upon receipt of a petition signed by at least twenty-five persons. Petitions should include the application number noted above and also identify a contact person to receive notifications. Petitions may also identify a person who is authorized to engage in discussions regarding the application and, if resolution is reached, withdraw the petition. Original signed petitions may be scanned and sent electronically to deep.adjudications@ct.gov or may be mailed to: DEEP Office of Adjudications, 79 Elm Street, 3rd floor, Hartford, CT 06106-5127. All petitions must be received within the comment period noted above. If submitted electronically, original signed petitions must also be mailed to the address above within ten days of electronic submittal. If a hearing is held, timely notice of such hearing will be published in a newspaper of general circulation and posted on the DEEP website at www.ct.gov/deep.

Publication Date: April 28, 2022

Brian P Thompson, Director
Land and Water Resources Division
Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse

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4/28/22 7199356

TOWN OF EAST GRANBY NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND REFERENDUM

Electors and persons qualified to vote at Town Meetings of the Town of East Granby are hereby duly notified and warned that the Annual Town Meeting will be held at the East Granby Senior/Community Center, East Granby, Connecticut, on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

1. To elect a moderator.
2. To consider the Town Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, as recommended by the Board of Selectmen, Board of Education and the Board of Finance.
3. To set the hours of voting at the Referendum.

At its Meeting held on April 20, 2022 the Board of Selectmen voted to submit Item 2 of the call of the Annual Town Meeting to a referendum vote at an Adjourned Town Meeting to take place at the East Granby Senior/Community Center, on Thursday, May 12, 2022 at the hours to be determined by the Town Meeting.

Dated in East Granby, Connecticut this 20th day of April, 2022

Eden Wimpfheimer, First Selectwoman

Joe Doering, Selectman
Steve Hall, Selectman
Christine Gallagher, Town Clerk
4/28/22 7199116

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Request For Quotation #06-2202

The State of Connecticut Judicial Branch intends to contract with one or more vendors to supply offset, papers, specialty papers and envelopes to the Judicial Branch's Commission on Official Legal Publications (COLP) at a Judicial Branch location in Enfield, Connecticut.

Quotations must be received by 11:30 A.M. on MONDAY, MAY 23, 2022. Late bids will not be accepted.

VENDORS CURRENTLY REGISTERED UNDER THE STATE'S SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE PROGRAM ARE ENCOURAGED TO BID.

Bid package may be obtained by accessing the Judicial Branch Purchasing Services web site below.

www.jud.ct.gov/external/news/busopp/

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: The following self-storage unit contents containing household and other goods will be sold for cash by CubeSmart, 1501 Route 12 Gales Ferry CT 06335 to satisfy a lien on May 12th 2022 at approx. 1:30 PM at www.storage treasures.com:
Cube- 209 - Robert Jacobowitz
Cube- 256 - Rebecca Leonard
Cube- 420 - Thomas Demauro 3rd
Cube- 1139 - Tabasia Shaw
4/28 & 4/29/22 7196212

The Working Families Party will meet by video/phone conference at 9am on April 2 to nominate and endorse candidates for various offices in the November 8, 2022 general election. For registration info email bjourke@workingfamilies.org.
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FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL FARMINGTON, CONNECTICUT PHASE 1 - SITE ENABLING WORK STATE PROJECT NO. 052-0076N

1. All bid proposals for the trade contracts listed below shall be sent electronically and must be received prior to the close of the bid period at 2:00 p.m. local time on the date listed below, and then immediately following, all bids will be opened publicly via video conference and read aloud. The video link will be made available to all bidders. Emailed bids received after the specified closing time will not be accepted.

One (1) electronically signed copy of the bid using the Bid Form contained in Specification Section 00 4200 shall be submitted in PDF format electronically via email.

It is mandatory that all bids be emailed to BOTH (2) following email addresses at the time of performance of their work. If you have any questions regarding these requirements contact CTIDAS, at telephone number (860) 713-5280 or visit their website at www.das.state.ct.us.

• Construction Manager, O&G Industries, Inc. - cmbids@ogind.com

• Town of Farmington - Farmingtonhighschool@farmington-ct.org

All bidders must include the following information in the subject line of their email:

Bid Package Number and Description - BP#1.XX xxxxxxxxxx

State Project Number: 052-0076 N

District: Farmington

Project Name: Farmington High School located 10 Monteth Drive, Farmington, CT. A site walk will follow after the Prebid meeting. All bidders are responsible for examining existing conditions affecting their work and are strongly encouraged to attend the Prebid meeting.

For questions regarding Addenda, or to confirm the bid date, contact Mark Carroll at O&G Industries, Inc. (860) 496-4233 or email markcarroll@ogind.com. Technical questions, specific questions regarding bidding procedures, project scope and site visits may be directed to Lorel Purcell of O&G Industries, Inc. (860) 626-6418 or email lorelpurcell@ogind.com.

CTIDAS Pre-Qualification Necessary	Trade Package	Set-Aside (CHRO)		Bid Due Date
		REQUIRED	GOALS	
Yes *	1.01 - Sitework Enabling Phase	25% SBE &	6.25% MBE	May 17, 2022

* Note: Any bid in excess of \$500,000 IS REQUIRED to be accompanied by the Bidder's CTIDAS Update (Bid) Statement, as noted hereafter. In accordance with G.S. 4a-100, 4b-91, and 4b-101, any contractor or subcontractor submitting a bid greater than \$500,000 is required to submit their DAS Update (Bid) Statement with their bid. Failure to submit this item with the bid will result in disqualification of the bidder. All subcontractors must be pre-qualified at the time of performance of their work. If you have any questions regarding these requirements contact CTIDAS, at telephone number (860) 713-5280 or visit their website at www.das.state.ct.us.

2. A Non-Mandatory Prebid meeting held onsite on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 @ 3:30 p.m. We will meet in the Farmington High School located 10 Monteth Drive, Farmington, CT. A site walk will follow after the Prebid meeting. All bidders are responsible for examining existing conditions affecting their work and are strongly encouraged to attend the Prebid meeting.

3. Plans and specifications are available and may be viewed and downloaded from the project website at the following address: https://secure.smartinsight.co/#/PublicBidProject/640731

Copies of the plans and specifications may be obtained at the cost of reproduction by contacting Michelle Frawley at the following location: Bucklark | Universal Copy 35 South Main Street Naugatuck, CT 06770

Contact: Aaron Dean at Repro@universal-copy.com

Phone: 203-757-2100 | Fax: 203-757-8260

4. Bidders will be held accountable for the requirements of all documents made available including subsequently issued Addenda and Memoranda, if any. Although efforts will be made to make bidders aware of all Addenda and Memoranda, bidders are advised to contract with Mark Carroll at the above number to verify they have all Addenda and Memoranda.

5. This project is being performed under the Construction Management form of construction. With respect to this project, the Construction Manager is the representative of the Owner. The Owner shall approve the award of all trade contracts. Each Trade Contractor's contract shall be with the Construction Manager.

6. The Owner, Town of Farmington, has contracted with O&G Industries to serve as the Construction Manager (CM).

7. No oral, telephone, telegraphic or hard copy proposals will be considered. All bids shall stand available for acceptance for a period of ninety (90) days from the date proposals are received.

8. No bid shall be accepted from any person/company who is in arrears to the Owner on any open debt, or contract, or who is a defaulter as surety or otherwise upon obligations to the Owner.

9. The Owner or its Designee reserves the right to reject any or all bids, without stating reasons therefor, including without limitation the right to reject any or all bids that are non-responsive, unbalanced, or conditional bids and to reject the bid of any bidder if the Owner or its Designee believes that it would not be in the best interest of the Owner or the project to make an award to that bidder, whether because the bid is not responsive or the bidder is unqualified or of doubtful financial ability or fails to meet any other pertinent standard or criteria established by the Owner or its Designee. The Owner or its Designee reserves the right to waive informalities and to negotiate contract terms with one or more bidders without reopening the bidding process insofar as such negotiations are not violative of applicable competitive bidding statutes or law. In the event of a tie low bid, the Owner reserves the right to take into account the residency of bidders within the Town of Farmington and/or location of the bidder's business within the Town of Farmington in awarding the bid.

In evaluating bids, the Owner or its Designee will consider the qualifications of the bidder, whether or not the bids comply with the prescribed requirements, and such alternates, unit prices, and other data, as may be requested in the Form of Proposal or prior to Notice of Award.

The Owner or its Designee may consider the qualification and experience of subcontractors and other persons and organizations proposed for those portions of the work as to which the identity of subcontractors and other persons and organizations must be submitted as provided by the bid documents.

10. Bid Security, Payment and Performance Bonds will be required. Refer to paragraph 1 in the Instructions to Bidders for amount of Bid Security required for this project.

11. Bidders should note O&G's insurance requirements.

12. Out-of-state bidders without a permanent office in the State of Connecticut are required to comply with the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services Statute §12-430(7) if awarded the contract.

13. This contract is subject to state set-aside and contract compliance requirements, including non-discrimination statutes and set-aside requirements. State law requires a minimum of twenty-five (25%) percent of the state-funded portion of the contract be set aside for award to subcontractors holding current certification from the Connecticut Department of Administrative Services. The contractor must demonstrate good faith effort to meet the 25% set-aside goals.

Contractors shall note the Small/Minority Business participation requirements identified for each trade package and are responsible for ensuring that they, and the SBE/MBE's they have selected, are eligible contractors and that they meet State requirements. Trade Contractors will be responsible for compliance with the following Goals and Requirements established for this project as follows:

a) In accordance with Sections 4a-60g and 4a-60h Conn. Gen. Stat., as revised, the contractors shall note the CHRO MBE Set-aside Program Requirements and Small/Minority Business participation requirements as indicated above for each trade package and are responsible for ensuring that they, and the SBE/MBE's they have selected, are eligible contractors and that they meet State requirements. Trade Contractors will be responsible for compliance with the following Goals and Requirements established for this project as follows:

b) Prior to the Scope Review Meeting, Bidders are required to provide Contractor's Means of Compliance Table totaling their Bid Value and outlining their means of compliance with these minimum project SBE and MBE goals. The successful contractor shall provide a clear and concise breakout of their Bid Value and assigned value allocation representing the contractor's means of compliance with the State of Connecticut CHRO percentages. This information is mandatory and required to be submitted for review and discussion at the Scope Review Meeting and compliance is a condition of contract award. See Specification Section 00 2113 titled Instructions to Bidders.

14. O&G is an affirmative action-equal opportunity M/F/veteran/disability employer.

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Burlington
George Stewart

East Hartford
Yvon J. Belliveau

Enfield
Yvon J. Belliveau

Farmington
Lucy Devin
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Geneva Carney

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Geneva Carney
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Janet Robinson
Peter J. Suchanek

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Bernadette M. Dumond
Marianne
Morrell-Schumann
Dorthea W. Teasdale

Plainville
Michael Tkac

Rocky Hill
Maria Portal

Simsbury
Eugene L. Kearns
Nancy P Oaks
Dorthea W. Teasdale

South Windsor
Bernadette M. Dumond
Helen M. Zukauskas

Unionville
Lucy Devin

Vernon
Samuel E. Smith

West Hartford
Nancy P Oaks
Maria Portal

Wethersfield
Kenneth F. Senerth

Windsor
Marillyn Loomis
Janice Walker

* Denotes name listing only.
Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

OBITUARIES

Cunnane, Mary Patricia



It is with great sadness that we share that Mary Cunnane, 62, of Washington, DC, passed away on March 20, 2022 after a brief struggle with cancer. Mary was born in Hartford, CT, grew up in Bloomfield, CT and attended UCONN, Storrs, CT, before settling in Washington, DC. She is survived by her mother, Margaret Cunnane of Bloomfield, CT,

her sister Eileen and her husband Ron Kirschbaum of Suffield, CT and their children, Connor, Brendan, and Caitlin, and her sister Deirdre Cunnane of Boston, MA. Mary was predeceased by her father John J. Cunnane, Sr. and her brother, John J. Cunnane, Jr. She was known for her energetic pursuit of a variety of professions, including interior design and real estate, and her immense talent in baking and cross-stitching. Mary was an avid reader and loved to travel, discuss politics, complete crossword puzzles and spend time with friends and family. She was a loyal fan of UCONN women's and men's basketball and rarely missed watching a game. She was always an optimist and a dreamer and followed her own path. Family and friends are invited to attend a Memorial Mass on Saturday, April 30, 2022 at 11:00am at Sacred Heart Church, Bloomfield, CT. In lieu of flowers, please embrace Mary's spirit by living each day to the fullest, extending kindness to others, and reflecting on the blessings of your friends and family. Mary's remains will be laid to rest with her father and brother at a private ceremony at Mountain View Cemetery at a later date.

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Devin, Lucy (Mangiafico)



Lucy (Mangiafico) Devin passed away April 24, 2022, peacefully in her home, surrounded by loved ones. She was born March 12, 1935, to the late Josephine and Paul Mangiafico and grew up in New Britain, CT. Just before graduating from Hillyer College, she started dating Paul Devin. They were soon married and moved into the first home that Paul built for them. A few years later they moved into their forever home, which Paul also built for them, where Lucy raised their five children and many farm animals. Throughout the years, their home on the mountain blossomed with fruits and vegetables, served as a gathering place for friends and family members, and was a place where she helped to raise their grandchildren. Their home was also a wonderful reminder of her husband, who passed away several years ago, and it offered comfort to her in her final years. By her grace, the Devin home was always full of life and seasonal decorations. Lucy will always be remembered as a strong woman who made others feel welcome in her home and regularly volunteered at the church, at school events, and to help others in need. She would want her life to be celebrated, especially with the memories that were created there. Lucy is survived by her four children: Pamela Devin (Gary) Puchalski, Douglas Devin, Janice Devin (Todd Stewart), and David Devin; her seven grandchildren: Andrew Devin, Marissa Puchalski (Misael) Ramos, Victoria Devin, Alexander Devin, Deanna Puchalski, Garrett Puchalski, and Nathan Devin; her brother Paul Mangiafico, her sister-in-law Ginny Mangiafico, her cousin Fr. Paul Mangiafico; numerous nieces, nephews, and great-grand fur babies. She was pre-deceased by her loving husband Paul Devin, her beloved son Dennis Devin, and her brother Michael Mangiafico. Her family would like to thank the hospice nurses of the Farmington Valley VNA and the caregivers of Polish Helping Hands for their kindness and care, especially Alison Amer whose extra attention and gentleness was most appreciated.

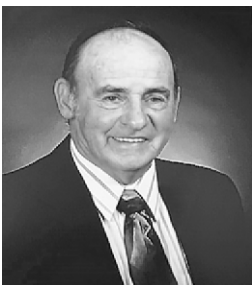
Friends may call at The Ahern Funeral Home, 111 Main St., Rt. 4, Unionville on Sunday (May 1) from 4:00-7:00pm. Funeral procession from The Ahern Funeral Home will be Monday (May 2) at 9:15am followed by the Funeral Liturgy in the Church of St. Mary Star of the Sea, Unionville. Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery, Avon. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in her memory to a cause that was dear to her and Paul's heart: The Dennis Paul Devin Scholarship Fund, University of Hartford, Attn: Caitlin Malinowski-Director of Donor Relations, 312 Bloomfield Ave., West Hartford, CT 06117. To send online condolences to the family, please visit www.ahernfuneralhome.com.

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OBITUARIES

Belliveau, Yvon J.



Yvon J. Belliveau, 85, of East Hartford, loving husband of 50 years of the late Jeannine M. (Arsenault) Belliveau, went to join his beloved wife in Heaven on Monday, April 25, 2022. Born in St. Paul, New Brunswick, Canada on January 29, 1937, a son of the late Medard and Nathalie (LeBlanc) Belliveau, he had been a resident of East Hartford for the past 60 years. Prior to his retirement, Yvon was a self-employed handyman who specialized in replacement windows and siding. He was a talented wood worker who was known for his extravagant bird houses. Yvon enjoyed working outside in his yard caring for his flower and vegetable gardens. He took pride in cooking his famous meatballs for his family and friends to enjoy. He also liked spending his summers at his cottage up at St. Marie, New Brunswick, Canada, relaxing watching television and Western shows and Western movies, and eating deserts.

Yvon is survived by a son, Richard J. Belliveau of East Hartford; a daughter, Susan M. Lang and her husband, Tim, of East Hartford; two granddaughters, Stephanie M. Belliveau of Enfield and Rebecca R. Fitzpatrick. He also leaves three brothers, Camille Belliveau and his wife Linda of New Brunswick, Canada, Albert Belliveau and his wife Bibiane of Quebec, Canada, Oscar Belliveau and his wife Gilberte of New Brunswick, Canada; two sisters, Emma LeBlanc and her husband Ola of Natick, MA, Sister Therese Belliveau of Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada; many nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends. Along with his beloved wife and parents, Yvon was predeceased by a sister, Ida Gaudet of New Brunswick, Canada.

Funeral service will be Saturday (April 30, 2022) at 9 am from the D'Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter Street, East Hartford with a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated at 10 am at Our Lady of Peace Church of St. Edmund Campion Parish, 370 May Road, East Hartford. Burial will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery, (Section 2), Glastonbury. Relatives and friends may call at the funeral home chapel on Friday (April 29, 2022) from 4 – 6:30 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Yvon's name may be made to a favorite charity of the donor's choice. For on-line expressions of sympathy to the family, please visit www.desopoeh.com.



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Teasdale , Dorthea Wind



June 21, 1937 - April 20, 2022

Simsbury, CT and Naples, FL

Dorthea Wind Teasdale, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother, passed away peacefully on April 20, 2022 at the age of 84.

She was born and raised in West Hartford, CT. She graduated from Hall High in 1955 and Colby Jr. College in 1957.

"Doffy" as she was affectionately called, was loving, compassionate, humble, selfless and loved unconditionally. She always put others before herself and found the best in everyone. Her entire life was devoted to her family and friends. She made such a meaningful impact on everyone.

Doffy loved music, listening to Frank Sinatra and Luciano Pavarotti, Christmas carols, playing the piano, and singing with the "Buzzin Dozen" in college and Jr. League's "Disstaf". Bridge Club was a favorite that Doffy enjoyed. She was an avid swimmer and skier in her younger years.

She is preceded in passing by her parents, Virginia and Herbert Wind, and her brother, Peter H. Wind. She is survived by her loving husband, Tom of 63 years, her three wonderful daughters, Sharon Teasdale Watson (Dan), Kristin Teasdale Duckett (Manni), and Melinda Teasdale Deliso, and her treasured grandchildren, Daniel C. Watson Jr. (Maggie), Melanie T. Watson, Abigail T. Duckett, Christopher J. Deliso, Annie M. Deliso, Tommy P. Deliso and great grandson Louis C. Watson.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, May 7 at The Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church at 11:00 a.m. with a reception following at The Stonebridge Country Club, 2100 Winding Oaks Way, Naples.

The service will be streamed via Zoom. Please send your email address to Sharon Watson (sharontwatson@gmail.com) for those wanting to participate.

Arrangements are being made for a reception to celebrate Doffy's life this summer in the Hartford area.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts are welcomed in Doffy's honor to the following charities:

Liberty Youth Ranch (www.LibertyYouthRanch.org)
ASPCA (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty of Animals) www.aspc.org

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Robinson, Janet (Huber)



Janet Helen (Huber) Robinson, 81, New Haven, CT passed away on Friday, April 22, 2022 at Yale New Haven Hospital, after a series of health complications.

Janet was born on January 19, 1941 to Mary (Moore) Huber and Carl Huber in New Haven, CT. After graduating from Hillhouse High School in 1958, she went on to earn a Bachelors of Arts from Southern Connecticut State College.



After graduation, she taught 4th Grade at Mt. Carmel School in Hamden, CT and was a substitute teacher in public and private schools in southern New Hampshire and New Haven, CT. She earned her license to practice real estate in 1984 and she enjoyed that work for nearly 30 years with William Raveis Real Estate, Cuozzo Associates/Press-Cuozzo, Roe Curtis and Norman Properties. Janet was married to David F. Robinson (b. 1936- d. 2005) from 1966 to 1985, who worked for Roadway Express for 32 Years. When Roadway Express honored David with a Salesforce award, they made an award for Janet, that said "You did good, too!"

A life-long learner, Janet was fascinated by archeology, early civilizations and early New England history. An avid treasure hunter, Janet was sure to find a needle in a haystack at open markets across the state. At antique shows, she was known to impart knowledge to friends and vendors about jewelry, patterns of china, cut glass, pressed glass, and quilting. Janet had a creative energy, and a keen eye. She loved to sew and wore her own creations from as early as 9 and throughout her adult life. Her scarves and pocket-books were coveted gifts, and her valentines cards and collages continue to be framed and displayed by family and friends. Her valentines were featured in an article in the New Haven Register.

Janet was active in supporting the Sister Cities movement in the 1980s, and hosted students from Avignon, France and Tamar Sachar, the Deputy Mayor of Ramat Gan, Israel, Chairperson of The Committee for Foreign Relations in her home.

Janet was also very proud of her Elm City roots, and enjoyed availing herself to all of the cultural assets of the city, particularly Yale Art Gallery, Yale Center for British Art, Concerts at Woolsey Hall and was a volunteer Docent at the Peabody Museum. She was enriched by travel, and was grateful to have visited Europe multiple times. Provincetown, MA was one of her favorite places. She instilled that enjoyment in her daughters, advising them to take every chance to travel – which they do!

Janet was predeceased by Carl Huber (father) Mary (May) Huber (mother), Jack Huber (Brother) and Jeanne Treanor (Sister). She is survived by her daughters Kerry K. Robinson (New York, NY), Catherine (Kate) C. Robinson, her husband Robert P. Vietzke, and her grandsons Alexander R. Vietzke and Theodore R. Vietzke, all of West Hartford, CT.

We would like to recognize the excellent and compassionate care given by the Doctors, Nurses and staff at the Heart and Vascular Unit at Yale New Haven Hospital, and VITAS Inpatient Hospice Care.

A visitation will be held at the Celentano Funeral Home, 424 Elm St., New Haven CT on Friday May 20th, 2022 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday May 21, 2022 at 10:00 AM in St. Mary Church 5 Hillhouse Ave., New Haven, CT. Interment will follow at St. Lawrence Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the New Haven Public Library Foundation at NHFPL Foundation, 133 Elm Street, New Haven, CT 06510 or <https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E44902&id=12>

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Walker, Janice



Janice Walker, 69, of Windsor, beloved wife for 51 years of Leon Walker, Sr., passed away peacefully on Saturday, April 23, 2022, at Hartford Hospital. Born in Omaha, Georgia on February 25, 1953, daughter of the late Harold Williams and Lenora Walker Williams, she was raised in Georgia and moved to Hartford with her family as a young girl. After graduating from Weaver High School with the Class of 1971, Janice took a position with the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Hartford where she worked for over 34 years until her retirement in 2012. Janice loved interacting with her grandchildren who were her pride and joy. She also made sure not to miss the men and women UCONN Huskies basketball games when they were on, you could not call her during the game! She was also active in the community and volunteered with several organizations within the Town of Windsor. Everyone she knew and was close to would say that she had a loving heart and always had kind words to say. When she would go to church, the store, or the senior center, she was often complimented on her signature combination of scarves and jewelry and how she accessorized her outfits. Janice was so very loved and will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

Besides her husband, she leaves to mourn her passing, three sons, Leon Walker, Jr. and his wife Michelle of Dumfries, VA, Brian Walker of Windsor, and Christopher Walker and his wife Alicia of East Granby; 12 grandchildren, Elijah and Jaden Walker both of Dumfries, VA, Tierra Walker of West Hartford, Brianna, Ayana, Brian Jr., Keithan, and Keimari Walker all of East Hartford, and Christopher Jr., Cam'ron, Carmelo, and Cayden Walker all of East Granby; a great-grandson, Mylo Callender; a brother, Harold Williams, Jr. of East Hartford; a sister, Joanne Cooper of East Hartford; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by two sisters, Katherine Walker and Alma Walker Lindsey and a brother, Jack Walker. Her family will receive friends on Saturday, April 30, 9-10 a.m., at The Lodge Community Chapel, 130 Deerfield Rd., Windsor. Funeral services and burial will be private. The family has entrusted the Carmon Windsor Funeral Home with the arrangements. For online condolences please visit, www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Hamlin, Jacob F.



Jacob Frederick Hamlin, 21, of Franklin, CT, died unexpectedly on April 24, 2022. Born February 27, 2001 in Hartford, son of Laura (Henrikson) Hamlin of Franklin and the late David Hamlin. Jacob, such a beautiful soul, was a loving, caring and insightful son, brother, grandson, nephew, friend, and neighbor. Jacob was our rock, a centered human being who touched so many lives in a positive way. The ways in which we will miss him can't be counted. We will continue to let his light shine on in our lives. Through kindness and compassion towards others, his essence will live on. Besides his mother, he is survived by his brother, Kyle C. Hamlin of Franklin, his grandparents Fred and Donna Henrikson of Glastonbury, his grandparents Chet and Kathy Hamlin of Venice, FL, his beloved Tessa Plummer of Glastonbury, and his loving aunts, uncles and cousins. Calling hours will be held on Saturday April 30, 3:00 - 5:00 pm at Mulryan Funeral Home, 725 Hebron Ave., Glastonbury. A funeral service will be held on Sunday, May 1 at 2:00 pm at the First Church of Christ, Congregational, 2183 Main St., Glastonbury, followed by a burial at the Green Cemetery, Glastonbury. For online condolences please visit www.mulryanfh.com.

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Smith, Samuel E.



Samuel Earl Smith was born on February 20, 1951 to the late Mr. Grant Smith and Mrs. Marie Smith (nee Glasper) in New Britain, Connecticut. After a long and valiant fight against cancer, Sam transitioned from this life on Sunday night, April 24, 2022 at home surrounded by his beloved wife Janet, their three cherished children Samuel (II), Quincy, and Amber, as well as, daughter-in-law Tara Smith (nee Givens).

The Homegoing Celebration will be held for Samuel Earl Smith Saturday, April 30, 2022 at Spottswood A.M.E. Zion Church on 25 Crestwood Lane New Britain, CT 06053. Calling Hours will be held from 12-1:00 p.m. with the funeral services directly following at 1 PM. Following the services, interment with military honors will be held at Fairview Cemetery, New Britain, CT 06051. Repast will be held at the Elks Lodge on 24 Elm Street, New Britain, CT 06051 following interment. Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain is assisting with arrangements. For a complete obituary please visit www.carlsonfuneralhome.com

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Kearns, Eugene Louis



Eugene Louis Kearns was born on July 16, 1945. He passed due to an accident on April 12, 2022. Gene graduated from Simsbury High School and lived in Sandisfield, MA for the remainder of his life where he had many friends. Gene loved the outdoors, working on his property, antique hunting, and classic cars. He was a loyal friend and deeply cared for his family and friends. Gene

served in the Vietnam War as an Army specialist from 1966-1968 and he survived the Battle of Khe Sanh which was an intense 77-day siege. Gene graduated from Central Connecticut State University in 1973. In 2016 the Abigail Phelps Chapter, DAR presented to Gene the Vietnam War Commemorative Award. On the same day Susan Elliott presented the Quilt of Valor that chapter members made in collaboration with the Avon Congregational Church. Gene leaves his sister, Joyce Kearns Morris and her husband Philip; nephew Brian L. McDermott and Brian's children Alexandra, Brennan, and Madelyn McDermott; and his niece Bridget McDermott and Bridget's children Cedar and Addison Fillmore, as well as many loyal friends. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, May 3rd at 11:00 at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 265 Stratton Brook Rd, West Simsbury, CT, followed by Military Honors and a gathering at the church in Russell Hall for family and friends. Donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project. The family thanks all Veterans who have served. A private burial will take place at a later date. The Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center of Avon is caring for the arrangements. For directions or to leave condolences online, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com

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Oaks, Nancy P (Peck)



Nancy Peck Oaks died on April 19 2022 at her home in Simsbury CT. She was 90 years old. Her death came beautifully and peacefully as she was comforted and supported by her son during her transition. Four scores and ten years previously (an homage to Abraham Lincoln who she greatly admired), on July 22, 1931, she was born to Clinton and Veronica Peck, in Bridgeport Ct, and given the name Nancy Arlene Peck. A daughter of a truck driver and a successful beauty salon owner, she went to Roger Ludlowe HS in Fairfield where she excelled in theater. Because of her beauty, she modeled locally and had ambitions of becoming an actress. For a time, she performed in summer stock and other theatrical productions in the Fairfield/NY area. In 1950, she married Charles K Oaks, Jr. of Hartford, CT and rededicated her life to her family and motherhood. As a young wife and mother in West Hartford, she was a Girl Scout leader, director of local children's plays, and participated in many civic and charitable activities. Later on she became a real estate agent in the Simsbury/Avon area, as well as, a care-giver for McClean Homecare. She was always inquisitive; a life long learner. She loved cooking, history, the bears and other animals that wondered through her backyard, her children, and lastly, but certainly not least, her dogs. She is survived by her four children Robin, Susan Sperounis (husband Michael), Charles (wife Carolyn), Timothy (wife Kathleen), six grandchildren; Christopher, Kimberly, Nicholas, Alexandra, Margaret, and Ryan; five great grandchildren; and her brother Greg Peck (wife Carolyn). She fulfilled her lifelong ambition of being a great and loving mother. She will be missed. She would be honored with any donation to an animal welfare organization in her name.

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Miller, Frederick W



Frederick W. (Ricky) Miller 64 of Bristol, passed away Saturday April 23, 2022. Ricky was born January 25, 1958 in Bristol. He was predeceased by his father Frederick W. Miller Jr. in 2009. He is survived by his mother Gail Miller of Westbrook CT, his sister Dawn Shanahan of Bristol, his brothers, Michael Miller of Melbourne FL, Gregg Miller of Island Pond VT, his sister - in-law Isabelle Wife of Michael and several nieces and nephews. Ricky will truly be missed by all. There will be no calling hours and a private service for family. Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

Portal, Maria

Maria Portal, 68, of Rocky Hill, passed away the evening of Easter, April 17, 2022, after a long battle with pancreatic cancer.

Born in Torrington, Maria spent most of her life living in West Hartford, where she had many friends, especially at the Fellowship housing, where she previously resided. She was a lifelong Elvis fan and animal lover, with a passion for horror movies and crime shows. She will be remembered for her outgoing nature and willingness to help those she loved.

Maria is predeceased by her parents, Marianna and Francisco "Frank" Portal, as well as her daughter, Christina Hernandez. She is survived by her eldest daughter, Linda Hernandez, of Wethersfield, as well as her granddaughter, Katrina Young and husband Chris, with whom she lived in Rocky Hill. Additionally, Maria is survived by grandson Brian Robles and granddaughter Nyasia Rodriguez.

Maria was the oldest daughter among thirteen children. She is survived by her twelve siblings, Jay Portal, Albert Portal and wife Teresa, Ricky Portal, Marcy Sumler and husband Jim, Connie Portal, Laura Giurgiu, Francis Shettle and husband Kevin, Frankie Portal, Linda Markiewicz and husband Eric, Armondo Portal and wife Carol, Antoinette Cordier, and James Portal. Maria also leaves behind her beloved nieces and nephews, who remember her fondly for the love and care that she readily gave them in her time on Earth.

The family offers their thanks to the staff at Maple View Health and Rehab in Rocky Hill for caring for Maria in her final days, as well as to the staff of Hartford Hospital/Hartford HealthCare at Home.

Family and friends are invited to Brooklawn Funeral Home in Rocky Hill on Saturday, May 7th from 1-3pm to honor Maria's memory. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the ASPCA or a local animal rescue. Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

Morrell-Schumann, Marianne



Marianne Morrell-Schumann, 89, of Jersey City, New Jersey, passed away Sunday (April 24, 2022) in Naples, FL. Born in Greenport, NY, daughter of the late Rev. Herbert Morrell and Marion (Hall) Morrell, she lived in Windsor, CT, Boston, MA and western Massachusetts from 1960 to 2019, when she moved to Jersey City. Marianne was a Teacher, Teacher of the Deaf, and an educator having received her Bachelor's Degree from Mount Holyoke College and Master's Degrees in Arts of Teaching and Education of the Deaf from Smith College in Northampton, MA. She taught at Smith College Day School, Clarke School and Willie Ross School for the Deaf for over 20 years. She was a member of several Congregational Churches in CT & MA. She was also a member of the Fortnightly Reading Group in Northampton and Phi Beta Kappa.

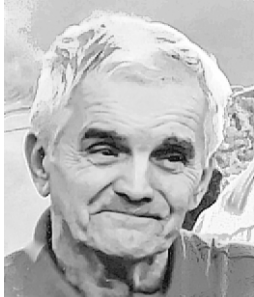
Surviving is her son, Steven Simpkin Sr. and his wife Judy of Naples, FL and Jersey City, NJ; three step children, Monica Schumann, Bill Schumann and Thomas Schumann; a sister, Margaret Morrell Smith and her husband Jim of Philadelphia; three grandchildren, Steven Simpkin, Jr., Teresa Matheson, and Thomas Simpkin; three great grandchildren, Nicholas, Victoria and Gabriel and her nephews, Jonathan and David Smith and her niece, Megan McLeod and their families. Marianne was predeceased by two husbands, Jack W. Simpkin and Willy Schumann.

Funeral services are Saturday 11 AM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. Burial will follow in West Lane Cemetery, Kensington. Calling hours are Saturday morning from 9 to 11 AM at the Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Willie Ross School for the Deaf, 32 Norway Street, Longmeadow, MA 01106. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com

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Tkac, Michael



Michael Tkac, 85, of Plainville, passed away peacefully on April 25, 2022. Born on May 6, 1936, in Krcava, Slovakia, he was the son of the late George and Anna (Kusik) Tkac. Michael was proud to join the military in 1954. He served with the United States Airforce during the Korean Conflict and earned the National Defense Service and Good Conduct medals. Upon his return, he became an active member of the Knights of Columbus. In 1960, he married Elizabeth. During his time as a father and grandfather, he coached youth football, soccer, Little League, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and enjoyed working with his children and grandchildren on school projects. He enjoyed fishing, camping, traveling with his family and growing hydrangeas. He was an active member of St. Matthew's Church and served as an usher. Michael was employed by Fafnir Bearing for 28 years and Sherwood Tool for 15 years, retiring in 2002.



Michael is survived by his wife of 62 wonderful years, Elizabeth (Taucher) Tkac; five children Patricia, Michael, Andrew and his wife Heather, Matthew and his wife Michele and Christopher; six grandchildren Danielle, Emily, Michael, Peter, Christopher, and Jonathan; a sister, Anne (Tkac) Carubba and her husband Ronald; and many nieces, nephews, and friends. He was predeceased by his brother George. Calling hours will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2022, from 8:30AM – 10:30AM at O'Brien Funeral Home, 24 Lincoln Ave., Bristol/Forestville. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at St Jerome Church, St. Katharine Drexel Parish at 11:00AM followed by burial at Holy Trinity Byzantine Catholic Cemetery, New Britain. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in Michael's name to the Shriner's Children's Hospital, Attn: Processing Center, PO Box 947765, Atlanta, GA 30394 or online at <https://www.shrinerschildrens.org>. Please share a memory of Michael with his family in the online guestbook at www.OBrien-FuneralHome.com. Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

Carney, Geneva Beaulier



Geneva (Beaulier) Carney, 86 of Windsor, CT, formally of Hartford, passed away April 25, 2022 at Meadowbrook of Granby. She was the beloved wife of the late Joseph D. (Squeek) Carney. Geneva was born November 24, 1935 in Portage Lake, Maine, the daughter of Joseph and Eva (Carney) Beaulier.

Geneva is survived by her son Alan Carney of Newington, CT, her daughter Rosemary Neligon and son-in-law Kurt. Kurt took on her care and needs, as promised to her late husband before he passed. Kurt did so lovingly and selflessly for many years as if she was his mother. She also leaves two grand-daughters. Her most precious grand-daughter Kelsey Chamberlain, and her husband Kent of Granby, CT, who were always available to visit and take her out for family dinners. She was a loving sister and is survived by her brother Norman Beaulier, wife Louise of Wethersfield, CT and her baby sister Mary Pericolosi and her late husband Larry of Pinckneyville, IL, and many nieces and nephews.

Geneva was predeceased by her son Michael Carney of Glastonbury, CT, her two brothers Dana and Darrell Beaulier.

After the passing of her husband she became a resident at Delamere Woods in Windsor, CT. where she was known as the welcome committee and greeter to all visitors. She enjoyed the day trips and playing bingo with her senior friends and liked to try her luck at the casino.

The family would like to give a heartfelt thank you to Meadowbrook of Granby staff and hospice team for their warm, attentive and professional care. Would also like to thank her caretakers, Maria, Verna and Crystal who were instrumental in her care!

Relative and friends may call at the Dillon-Baxter Funeral Home, 1276 Berlin Turnpike, Wethersfield, CT on Friday from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to extend their condolences to the Carney family.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday, April 30, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at St Gabriels Church, 379 Broad St., Windsor, CT.

Committal Service and final resting place will be in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford, CT. To share a memory with the family, please visit www.dillonbaxter.com



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Lipscomb, Joann Blanche (Banks)



Joann Blanche Banks Lipscomb, 95, died on Monday, April 18, 2022 at home in Farmington, CT. She was the daughter of Elizabeth and Barney Banks and was born and raised in Mansfield, Ohio. Family was very important to Joann, especially her beloved identical twin sister, Janet. They were inseparable as

children and also later in life. Janet and Joann both attended Bowling Green State University where they were affiliated with Alpha Phi Sorority. Throughout her life, Joann loved being a homemaker and took great pride and joy in helping others. She was known for her kind, positive and cheerful demeanor. Her hobbies included playing golf, curling, bowling and most recently playing cards. She loved all animals, especially dogs.

She had a passion and a special talent regarding her family history. She researched, designed and created albums that documented generations of information that had been passed down to her. The church was also important to her; attending the Congregational Church in Barrington, RI and First Church in Farmington, CT. She volunteered and met wonderful people who became lifelong friends. Joann was married to Glen, for 53 years. She is survived by three children, Glen Lipscomb and wife Cindy of Lee, MA, Lynn Lipscomb, of Collinsville, CT and Beth and Mark Poirier of NC. She has three grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

A Memorial Service will be held in the Meetinghouse at the First Church of Christ, Congregational, 75 Main Street, Farmington, CT on Monday, May 2, 2022 at 1 pm. Burial will be private. Special thanks go to Hartford Healthcare Hospice services for their support and kindness in her last days. Donations can be made to First Church of Christ, Congregational, 75 Main Street, Farmington, CT 06032. Arrangements are being handled by The Ahern Funeral Homes, Inc., www.ahernfuneralhome.com.

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Zukauskas, Helen M.



Helen M. (Wiekrykas) Zukauskas, 79, of South Windsor, beloved wife of Joseph S. Zukauskas, died peacefully on Saturday, April 23, 2022, at Kimberly Hall in Windsor, CT after a brief battle with cancer. Helen was born on February 16, 1943, in Shenandoah, PA, daughter of the late Clement and Amelia (Burkavage) Wiekrykas. She

was a graduate of Shenandoah Catholic High School in 1960 and went on to graduate from the Pottsville Hospital School of Nursing in 1963. Helen met and married the love of her life, Joseph, on April 16, 1966, and together they settled in South Windsor, CT in 1968 where they raised a family. Helen worked as a registered nurse and had a passion for caring for the elderly at convalescent homes in the greater Hartford area and later at an adult day care. She enjoyed painting, and her artwork decorates the walls of many family and friends. She loved visiting new places with her family and particularly enjoyed trips to the casino. Helen's family was her most proud accomplishment and she cherished every moment she spent with her children and grandchildren. Along with her husband of over 56 years, Joseph, she leaves her daughters, Carolyn Mansfield and her husband Michael of South Windsor, CT and Pamela Butler and her husband Joseph of South Windsor, CT; her brother, Billy Wiekrykas and his wife Ellie of Harrisburg, PA; her sister, Ann McAndrew and her husband James of Shenandoah, PA; her grandchildren whom she adored, Maxwell and Mikayla Mansfield, and Jaimie and Haley Butler; her sister-in-law, Georgine Mahall of Minersville, PA; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brother, Clement J. Wiekrykas. Her family will receive friends on Monday, May 2, 2022, from 9-11 a.m., at the Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home, 419 Buckland Rd.,, South Windsor; followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:30 a.m., at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 673 Ellington Rd., South Windsor. Burial will follow at Wapping Cemetery in South Windsor. For online condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Lucchesi, Maria I. (Valentino)



Putnam - Maria I. (Pellegrini) Lucchesi, 85, of Woodstock Ave., died Tuesday morning, April 26, 2022 at Westview Healthcare. Beloved wife of the late Giancarlo Lucchesi. Born in Granaiola, Bagni di Lucca, Italy, she was the daughter of the late Valentino and Alina (Citti) Pellegrini.

On October 17, 1957, in Italy she was united in marriage to Giancarlo Lucchesi who predeceased her on September 3, 1989. Maria emigrated to the United States in 1958 and gained United States citizenship on February 10, 1972.

Mrs. Lucchesi along with her husband Giancarlo owned and operated the A. L. Jette Appliance Store. Prior to she was a cook at Putnam Catholic Academy for many years.

Mrs. Lucchesi enjoyed ceramics, gardening, sewing, and all animals. Above all, Maria treasured the quality time she spent with family and friends.



She was a member of the Italian Club of Putnam and was a parishioner of St. Mary Church of the Visitation.

Maria is survived by her two daughters, Laura Williams and her husband Donald, Jr. of Brooklyn and Marina Syphers and her husband Todd Adams of Southington; and her grandsons, Alex J. Syphers of Southington and Kristofor P. Sypher of Kailua, HI. She was predeceased by her brother Ilio Pellegrini.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Maria's family from 9:30a.m. to 11:00a.m. on Friday, May 6, 2022, in the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:30a.m. in St. Mary Church, 218 Providence St., Putnam, CT 06260. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery.

Memorial donations in Maria's memory may be made to P.A.W.S. Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 191, Eastford, CT 06242 or St. Jude's Children Research Hospital, Tribute Program, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

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Loomis, Marillyn (Dirks)



Marillyn Dirks Loomis died peacefully at home on September 15, 2021, with her family by her side. Services will be held at the First Church in Windsor, 107 Palisado Ave., Windsor, on Saturday, April 30, at 11 a.m., the Rev. Nicole Grant Yonkman, pastor, officiating. In lieu of sending flowers, those who wish to honor Marillyn's memory are encouraged to contribute to First Church in Windsor, 107 Palisado Ave., Windsor, CT 06096. For directions or condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Dumond, Bernadette M.



Bernadette M. (Michaud) Dumond, 76 of Ocala, FL formally of South Windsor, passed away on January 22nd. She was born on January 8, 1946 in St. Agatha, ME to Raoul and Aurore (Pelletier) Michaud. She was predeceased by her husband of 42 years George E. Dumond. She is survived by her daughter Doreen Lucenti and her husband Vincent of Ocala FL and her son Brian Dumond and fiancé Karen Ellegard of Rocky Hill, CT; three grandchildren Katherine, James and Trevor Knowles; a great-grandson Benjamin Trask; siblings Bertrand, Richard, Clarence and Donald Michaud, Jeannine Ryan, Jacqueline Russell, Claire Kelly, Lorraine Palmer and Joan McPherson; along with several sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law: several nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by her brother Joseph Michaud. She lived in CT for nearly 30 years. She moved to Florida and worked for the United States Postal Service before retiring 2008. Her passions were bowling, line dancing, sewing and arts and crafts. Her family will receive friends Sunday May 1st at the Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home, 419 Buckland Rd., South Windsor from 3 – 5 p.m. Family and Friends may gather at the funeral home, Monday May 2nd at 9 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial, 10 a.m., at St. Margaret Mary Church, 80 Hayes Road, South Windsor. Burial will follow in Mount St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. In Lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 111 Founders Plaza 2nd floor, East Hartford, CT 06108. For online condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Stewart, George



George Stewart, 86, of Burlington, beloved husband of Margaret (Corr) Stewart, passed away peacefully at home on April 3rd, 2022 surrounded by his family. Friends may call at The Ahern Funeral Home, 111 Main St., Rt. 4, Unionville on Saturday (April 30) from 10:00-11:00am followed by a Prayer Service in the Funeral Home at 11:00am.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or to Shriners Hospitals for Children, 516 Carew St., Springfield, MA 01104. To send online condolences to the family, please visit www.ahernfuneralhome.com.

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Senerth, Kenneth F.



Kenneth Francis Senerth was born on June 3, 1952 to Bernadette and Kenneth Senerth in Hartford, Connecticut. The oldest of five, Kenneth's family remained his utmost priority throughout his life. He leaves behind his mother, who he was so privileged to spend time with the last few years of his life going to Church, eating

in town, watching the Huskies, and looking on as the mourning doves flew around as they cooked out in her backyard. He leaves behind his daughter Emily (with husband Hadley) who followed him into medical publishing and running. She'll receive her Masters in Epidemiology in Washington, DC next month- an accomplishment she knows her dad would be so proud of and will celebrate with her in spirit. He leaves behind his daughter Julia (with husband Chris) who will never forget him being her biggest fan- in swimming, in her studies, in her big city pursuits- and as her music mentor instilling a deep love for Hank Williams, Sam Cooke, Steve Earle and of course the Beach Boys. He leaves behind Diane who he never stopped loving, with whom he spent hours on the phone talking about everything and nothing, about their memories and the future, about the hard things that were just too hard and the easy things that could get a good chuckle, even after their marriage ended. He leaves behind his grandchildren Francis and Maeve who, despite the pandemic, he got to share laughs and giggles and precious moments with that everyone will cherish forever. He leaves behind his sister Mary (with husband Mark) and brother Joe (with wife Pam) who were there for him through it all and goes on to join his father and brothers Frank (survived by Julie) and Mark (survived by Sue) in the afterlife. One can only assume that there is a contentious game of setback going on with Uncle Fran and Cousin Pete. He also leaves behind nieces and nephews whose travels and accomplishments he was always happy to brag about.

Ken attended St. Michael's College, Indiana University for graduate school and moved up in the world of medical publishing before launching an independent venture, The Journal of Applied Research- one of his proudest professional accomplishments. In his life, his great joys revolved around a shared meal off the Big Green Egg, a tailgate and game at Giants stadium with his friends and daughters, a play at McCarter Theater with Diane, poker with Pete, Frank and the guys at 2 Pratt, golf at the Lawrenceville School, or just a long walk by himself by the Connecticut River followed by a good book. He treasured his trips to Ireland, a rare steak, Bing on Christmas morning, a terrible joke, and helping his daughters in their adventures with their pets- from Sammy's pregnancy to Kevin getting loose in the backyard. He relished in a good argument, Van Morrison on a Friday night in the garage with a cigar, trips to Monmouth Park (betting across the board of course), and always waiting at the finish lines for Emily and Julia. All of those places will forever be where we can be with him.

This loss is a devastating one because while it was sudden it was also a long journey back to God. He struggled, and everyone who loved him dearly struggled too, but he lived deeply with his loved ones and he did everything he could for everyone he knew. No one will ever forget the person he was because he made us the people we are. His family is grateful that he is safe now.

A funeral mass will take place on Tuesday, May 3 at 12:00 in St. Paul Church of SS. Isidore & Maria Parish, located at 2577 Main Street, Glastonbury, CT. There will be a visitation the evening before on Monday, May 2 from 5-7 PM at the Farley-Sullivan Funeral Home located at 50 Naubuc Avenue, Glastonbury. In lieu of flowers, donations should be directed to SS. Isidore and Maria Parish, a special place where he shared his faith with his mother. Donations can be directed by check to 2577 Main Street, Glastonbury, CT 06033. For assistance, they can be reached by telephone at 860-633-9419 or email contact@isidoreandmaria.org. Also, in memory of Ken's deep love of thoroughbreds and the special memories he shared at the track with his daughters, donations can be made to the Old Friends Equine Farm where Silver Charm spends his days in the sun. Donations can be directed to Old Friends, Inc. (1841 Paynes Depot Road Georgetown, KY 40324) or online at oldfriendsequine.org.

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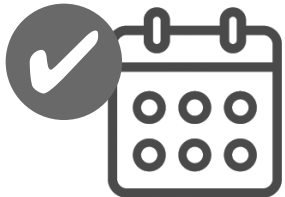
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CONNECTICUT TEACHER OF THE YEAR

White House visit an emotional honor

Mansfield instructor cherishing ‘small moments’

By Seamus McAvoy
Hartford Courant

Sitting in her hotel room before heading to the White House to be honored with Teachers of the Year from around the country, Kim King said she never thought this day would come.

Certainly not as a second grader, when King, Connecticut’s 2022 Teacher of the Year, was granted American citizenship. But on Wednesday, King and 55 other distinguished educators were honored in

Washington, D.C., culminating a week of celebration and recognition in the nation’s capital.

“I never dreamt it because I never imagined it was something I could dream,” King said. “Part of my passion is representation, and students really need to see themselves reflected in their teachers ... It’s beautiful that my students and community gets to see that.”

To be invited to the White House, then, is “very powerful,” she said. And she didn’t go alone.

“I bring with me all of our immigrant families, and our marginalized students and families,” King said. “Connecticut is with me in my heart today.”

King, speaking to the Courant on a video call from her hotel room, wiped away tears as she shared her story. She was born in Korea and moved to the United States when she was not yet 2 years old, raised in Madison, Connecticut by adoptive parents.

Her family likes to tell stories from the day when King received citizenship, how she sat in the judge’s lap and wore a shirt that read

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Mansfield art teacher Kim King receives flowers from Annie E. Vinton students Brianna Crayton, left, and Noah Chieffo in October at Southeast Elementary School. COURANT FILE PHOTO



Voters approved plans for \$135.6 million for a new high school. The plan was to tear down nearly all of the existing one except for the three-story, 1928-built section that motorists see on the hillside from Route 4. DON STACOM/HARTFORD COURANT

Farmington council questions demolition plans

Old high school on track to be razed; panel considers tearing down of town hall

By Don Stacom
Hartford Courant

Nearly all of Farmington High School appeared on track for demolition, but now town leaders want to study whether it’s financially prudent to save huge sections of it and perhaps tear down town hall instead.

A survey of residents showed widespread support for retaining the historic, three-story original section of the high school, and the town council now wants to study what it would cost to restore up to half of the outdated campus.

In a surprise move, a town council ad hoc study committee on Tuesday night also recommended the town develop cost estimates for relocating all town offices to the old high school buildings and then tearing down town hall.

Voters last year overwhelmingly approved plans for \$135.6 million new high school. The plan was to tear down nearly all of the existing one except for the three-story, 1928-built section that motorists see on the hillside from Route 4.

However, the town council set up a study committee to see what renovating the 1928 section would cost.

That panel also looked into salvaging other wings of the huge campus and on Tuesday recommended getting professional cost estimates for a series of options.

That’s consistent with a new community survey that showed

widespread support for saving some of the high school, the panel told the council Tuesday night.

Nearly 74 percent of residents who answered the survey want to study retaining some parts of the school for various municipal office or community uses, while just under 21 percent favor tearing down the whole building.

The support was strongest for saving the 1928 section, which many residents see historic and emblematic of the town. Residents favor preserving three adjacent sections, too, but by a much smaller margin.

“There’s an incredible need for gym space in town and we need space for probate court,” council Chairman C.J. Thomas said Wednesday. “We thought that while we’re looking at the 1928 section, we should look at the other parts, too.”

Thomas said the council next month will probably establish a committee to get cost estimates for preserving several sections of the building.

One option would be to move town offices into the 1928 building and then demolish the current town hall, which was built in 1968. Thomas said town hall has numerous deficiencies, but said the town will keep it if estimators find that alternative is too costly.

Farmington’s town hall was built in 1968 to accommodate

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Hartford reveals cut in tax rate

But not everyone will pay less, mayor says of budget

By Ted Glanzer
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — The tension between fiscal belt tightening and delivering more services to city residents was evident in comments from the two people who spoke during the public hearing this week at the Hartford Public Library on Mayor Luke Bronin’s recommended \$600 million budget for 2023.

Bronin touted the budget as a continuation of a 5-year “fiscal sustainability” plan to continue to right Hartford’s budgetary ship, which had been in what seemed like annual crises for years.

The spending plan includes no new borrowing, nor does it include federal American Rescue Plan Act funds, he said. Even with a \$15.5 million increase over current spending levels, the proposed measure reduces the tax rate 7.2%, from 74.29 mills to 68.95 mills, Bronin said.

“The first goal, which is a goal we have long aspired to, and that we now after many years have the opportunity to achieve, is to reduce the mill rate in Hartford,” Bronin said, noting that even with a decrease in the tax rate, not everyone would have a tax cut, due to this year’s property revaluation that’s expected to shift the tax burden.

“It does mean that everyone will pay less taxes than they otherwise would have if the mill rate had stayed at its high 74.29. ... Five or six years ago, it was almost unimaginable that we’d be in a position to recommend a budget with a reduction in the mill rate,” he said.

The spending plan includes \$315.6

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Submarines surfacing with lots of opportunities

Federal money will flow to find, train workers

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

As U.S. military strategy increasingly turns to undersea warfare, Connecticut and other states are benefiting from rising spending by the U.S. Navy on the network of suppliers that contributes many of the 1 million or so parts that go into a submarine.

Federal spending last year began to reflect the requirements of the industrial base, said Rep. Joe Courtney, D-Conn., chairman of a House Armed Services subcommittee.

“This year those numbers are huge,” he said.

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Hartford Taste Festival reflects uniqueness

By Ted Glanzer
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — David Griggs of the MetroHartford Alliance said one of the easiest questions he’d ever been asked was what he likes most about Hartford.

“The food,” Griggs said during a ceremony Wednesday to announce the inaugural Hartford Taste Festival that will be held at Constitution Plaza June 10 and 11.

“The food of Hartford is what makes us

unique. We’ve got every cuisine you can think of brought to us by immigrants to our community,” Griggs said. “It’s what makes us who we are. For us, to come around an event that will celebrate Hartford and help Hartford feel great about who we are, this is the easiest thing ever to get behind.”

The Hartford Taste Festival, which runs both days from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., is more of a full cannonball than a toe-dip into the pool of full-scale events following more than two years of pandemic-related closures, cancellations and limited gatherings.

The festival will feature the cuisine from at least 30 Hartford-area restaurants, two stages of entertainment, cooking contests, cooking demonstrations, and more according to organizer Marc Sherer.

“People are excited about this event coming back to Hartford,” said Sherer, who started planning the event back in 2019 — before the pandemic struck — as a way to

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Biden nominates Merriam to federal appeals court in NY

By Edmund H. Mahony
Hartford Courant

President Joseph Biden on Wednesday nominated newly appointed federal district court judge Sarah Merriam to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in New York.

Merriam is a former federal public defender and U.S. Magistrate Judge who was appointed to the U.S. District Court in Connecticut late last year by Biden. In addition, she worked as political director to a state employee union local and managed or helped manage campaigns for two Democratic U.S. senators — current U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy and former Sen. Christopher Dodd.

Her appointments to both the district and circuit courts were supported by Murphy

and fellow U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal.

“Judge Merriam has demonstrated deep legal insight, unflinching fairness and fidelity to justice,” said Blumenthal. “She’s a great listener — taking seriously every legal claim, and following the facts and law with care and intellect. She will bring to the appellate court an unstinting commitment to the rule of law at a time when its importance is paramount. Her values emphasize equity, and equal opportunity.”

Murphy said: “Judge Merriam is one of Connecticut’s brightest legal minds. As her friend, I’m thrilled President Biden has nominated her to serve on the Second Circuit. Sarah brings a keen intellect and a passion of for justice to her work as a federal judge, and I was proud to support her

confirmation to the U.S. District Court of Connecticut.”

Merriam’s rapid elevation from the district to circuit court is unusual, but not unexpected during a year when the administration is looking for a quick confirmation by an almost evenly divided U.S. Senate during the run-up to a mid-term election that could shift control of the chamber.

Because Merriam won confirmation only months ago, her chances of moving quickly through the same U.S. Senate judiciary committee are good. She also can demonstrate relevant experience as both a U.S. Magistrate Judge and District Judge.

“I think that Biden has made an astute decision to



Merriam

elevate Merriam, given the timing and the 2022 midterm elections,” said University of Richmond law professor Carl Tobias, who tracks federal judicial nominations.

“Elevation is a procedure that all modern Presidents use, because the Senate has already confirmed the nominee once, the nominee has much relevant experience, and the nominee has a record that the Senate can analyze.”

The state’s two senators recommended Merriam to the White House and have repeated Biden’s call to diversify the federal judiciary with what president has called non-traditional judges. Biden has said former federal defenders such as Merriam meet his

diversity goals.

Demand Justice, a group that describes itself as “building a progressive movement to restore ideological balance and legitimacy to our nation’s courts,” said Merriam was the first public defender appointed to the Connecticut District Court since 1964 and it supports her elevation to the circuit court.

“Judge Sarah Merriam’s elevation to the circuit court continues President Biden’s strong commitment to elevating public defenders in our court system,” Demand Justice Chief Counsel Christopher Kang said. “Merriam brings the critical perspective of someone who has worked to defend the constitutional rights of those who could not afford a lawyer.”

Merriam replaces U.S. Circuit Judge Susan Carney, former deputy general coun-

sel at Yale University, nominated by President Barack Obama and confirmed in 2011. Merriam’s elevation opens another seat on the federal district court.

Merriam was raised in New Haven. She has been a U.S. Magistrate Judge since 2015. Prior to that, she defended indigent clients in federal court from 2007 to 2015 and clerked for former federal appeals court judge and Gov. Thomas Meskill and District U.S. District Court Judge Alvin Thompson.

She attended Georgetown University as an undergraduate and law school at the University of Connecticut and Yale University.

Prior to becoming an Assistant Federal Defender, she served as an associate at the law firm of Cowdery, Ecker & Murphy in Hartford.

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“All-American Girl.” But that’s not what King remembers.

What sticks in her mind was when she came back to school afterward. Her teacher had put an American flag on her desk. At that moment, she felt seen.

“It’s those things that teachers do, that we don’t realize the impact that it has on those kids,” King said. “I think sometimes we’re looking for those big moments, but it’s most likely a small moment ... that makes a big difference.”

Those lessons — and the importance of small moments — have stayed with King, now an elementary arts teacher in Mansfield at both Southeast Elementary School and the Annie E. Vinton School. She previously taught in East Hartford and Westbrook.

King was named Connecticut’s Teacher of the Year in October. Now she’s going through the honor all over again in Washington, where she’s had the chance to meet Teachers of the Year from other states and territories.

“It really has made me realize how even though each state is so different, we have so many ways we can connect in,” King said. “Part of my message to beginning teachers is always about stepping outside of the classroom and making sure you find community. Even for a veteran teacher like myself, it’s just wonderful to make a connection with another educator.”

Events included a visit to the U.S. Department of Education, led by Miguel Cardona, former commissioner of the Connecticut State Department of Education.

Educators had the opportunity

to visit the Smithsonian museums, and participate in professional development training.

In her selection, King is especially grateful for the recognition of the arts — particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic. Cindy Marten, U.S. Deputy Secretary of Education said it best, King says.

Speaking to educators, Marten said: “Science is what got us out of the pandemic, but the arts is what got our students through the pandemic.”

Those words rang true to King. When schools closed in March 2020, King and educators everywhere adapted as best they could. She made YouTube videos demonstrating how to do certain art activities, and led virtual classes.

“It was challenging,” King said. “I saw a lot of kids’ pets.”

At the Annie E. Vinton School, King became a support teacher for the families of first graders, meaning she was the point-of-contact for families as schools adjusted to the new normal. This allowed her to “get to know my students in a completely different way,” building connections while supporting the social-emotional learning side.

Art helped King, too. While other colleagues were bingeing TV shows to destress, she took up needle felting, making tiny animals and other characters for her friends. “It got out a lot of stress,” she said.

“You need that escape,” King added. “Teachers worry about their students when they’re not with them. You can’t turn that off, one of the few professions where you are truly thinking about your job 24 hours a day.”

Given the high demands placed on educators, the well-documented disruptions brought on by

the pandemic has led to much talk about teacher burnout — in this newspaper as in others.

King admits she’s sometimes asked whether she’s worried about educators like her leaving the profession.

The stresses are real, she says. But at their core, teachers are optimists. Perhaps none more so than the ones honored in Washington this week.

“I feel like this cohort represents the hope and the belief that education is the key,” she said. “I haven’t lost hope, and [teachers from] 55 other states and territories haven’t lost hope.”

Part of what fuels King, in spite of the challenges, is the same thing that affected her as a second grader when her teacher laid out the American flag: small moments.

“We [teachers] want to make an impact, but we don’t need to see it,” King said. “We just need to know that you’re getting what you need right now, and you’re feeling loved right now.”

King, who studied fine art in college, offered that perhaps teachers aren’t entirely dissimilar from artists. “They’re certainly not appreciated in their lifetimes,” King quipped. “But they’re always honing their craft. They’re creators.”

And they believe in the power of education to build a better future.

“I’m excited for this next generation of learners,” King said. “Linguistically diverse, ethnically diverse, gender diverse. Hopefully, the world that they are going to walk in and contribute to will be so different than what’s going on now.”

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Ghost gun on New Milford High School property leads to lockdown, arrests

By Christine Dempsey
Hartford Courant

Three New Milford High School students, one a juvenile, face charges after a bathroom brawl Tuesday morning led to the discovery of a ghost gun on school property, prompting a lockdown, police said.

The loaded gun, which lacked a serial number, was found in a 17-year-old’s car in the parking lot, police said. Guns that lack serial numbers, often homemade, are known as ghost guns because they are untraceable.

According to police, officers responded to the school about 9:20 a.m. Tuesday after getting the report of a weapon on school property.

The school was put into lockdown and officers quickly found the involved parties, Chief Spencer Cerruto said in a news release. A juvenile, 17, and two other students, ages 18 and 19, were detained at the scene.

The lockdown was lifted shortly before 11 a.m. when the school was determined to be safe.

Cerruto said on Facebook that a bathroom brawl led to the discovery of the 9mm pistol. It was found after a search of the juvenile’s vehicle, he said.

The 17-year-old was referred to juvenile court on charges of criminal possession of a firearm and possession of a ghost gun, he said.

The other two students, an 18-year-old and a 19-year-old, face charges of third-degree assault and breach of peace. The bond for each was set at \$1,000, Cerruto said.

“I am proud of my entire staff including dispatchers, officers and detectives for resolving this alarming situation quickly and decisively,” the chief said.

Police continue to investigate.

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benefit Connecticut Foodshare.

Restaurants will have their fees to participate in the event waived, according to Sherer, thanks to The Hartford and the Hartford Chamber of Commerce, which are sponsoring the event.

In addition to serving as a much-looked-forward-to entertainment vehicle, the event will benefit Connecticut Foodshare, which combats food insecurity throughout the state.

“I know this is hard for some people to wrap their head around, but there is somebody who is food insecure in all 169 towns” in the state, Foodshare President Jason Jakubowski said. “There is not one town in Connecticut that is immune to hunger.”

There are more than 400,000 Connecticut residents who are food insecure, Jakubowski said.

Mayor Luke Bronin said the event is an excellent opportunity to get people together, showcase the myriad restaurants, popular local favorites and hidden gems,

that populate Hartford and benefit a good cause.

“We have some amazing restaurants in the city,” Bronin said.

The mayor added that he’d attended a budget presentation with the city council the night before, and “I went out with a few of our council members for a drink - some old-fashioned, in-person catching up.”

“For about an hour we talked about our favorite restaurants in the city. And what was amazing about that - we’re all folks who get around the city quite a bit,” Bronin said. “But each of us learned about a spot we hadn’t tried yet. ... This is a chance to celebrate those restaurants. ... This is going to be a great spring and a great summer in the city of Hartford. There’s a lot going on.”

Griggs shared in the enthusiasm other speakers had in the Hartford Taste Festival and the momentum surrounding the city itself.

“This is an opportunity for all of us to grab Hartford, raise it up and make this community as great a version of itself it could be,” Griggs said.

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the police department as well as municipal workers and has about 26,000 square foot of space on a parcel of 8 acres.

Thomas said the council would like to have cost estimates in time to put the options to referendum next spring.

Three residents on Tuesday night urged the council against letting the project expand any further.

“Throughout the FHS Building Committee process, it was our understanding the deficiencies of the structures made it clear it wouldn’t be a wise investment to bring them back into compliance,”

said Emily Kaliney of High Street.

“There are more important and pressing concerns that will require taxpayer investment ... using taxpayer dollars to completely renovate buildings that were supposed to be demolished because of their inadequacies is not fiscally responsible.”

Stacey Petruzella of High Street said voters made their choices clear when they passed the new school referendum, which entailed demolishing nearly all of the existing school.

“The voters already decided what to do with those buildings,” she said, calling further discussions “a betrayal of faith.”

Tim Kelly of Westview Terrace agreed.

“We have spent eight years and millions of dollars analyzing the facilities issues on Monteith Drive,” Kelly said. “The message (from town government) was clear — the 1928 building was not fit for habitation, it was decrepit, the auditorium was in horrible shape, ventilation was very bad — it was an embarrassment to Farmington.

“Now less than a year later, we haven’t even broken ground, and we’re talking about restoring a large part of the old high school,” he said.

Thomas said that if the cost estimates didn’t justify it, the town won’t pursue saving other parts of the school.

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As much as \$400 million is earmarked to bolster the supply chain and more than \$100 million for workforce development, he said. General Dynamics Electric Boat, for example, has continuing openings for welders, pipefitters, engineers, mechanics, draftsmen and other workers.

U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., and a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said the Navy is “really putting its money where its mouth is.”

As much as \$750 million is to be allocated in 2023 to the submarine industrial base, particularly workforce training by community colleges, Electric Boat, regional workforce boards and other agencies, he said.

Details are not yet available but “we’re counting on this money in major part going to workforce development,” Blumenthal said.

“This is really drilling down to expand exponentially the amount of skilled training and learning opportunities that exist,” he said.

Electric Boat said in January it plans to hire more than 3,000 workers this year.

The Navy’s proposed fiscal year 2023 budget, which will take effect Oct. 1, asks Congress for \$27.9 billion for shipbuilding. It would fund the procurement of eight new ships, including two Virginia class attack submarines, two destroyers and other ships, according to the Congressional Research Service.

Submarine procurement by the Navy is budgeted at \$15.6 billion, or 44.5% of overall Navy shipbuilding spending that Courtney called an “astonishing number.”

The sinking in mid-April of the flagship of Russia’s Black Sea fleet, a guided-missile cruiser, may encourage U.S. military planners to rely more on submarines, he said.

“Surface ships are a vulnerability,” Courtney said.

“Ukraine demonstrated that very vividly.”

Over the past five years, 352 submarine suppliers in Connecticut spent or contracted to spend \$1.2 billion, according to the Submarine Industrial Base Suppliers. It accounted for nearly 5% of the \$25.4 billion spent or contracted in the U.S.

Only California, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Virginia accounted for greater submarine supplier spending.

Tony Sposato, vice president of Plainville Electrical Products Co., or PEPCO, said his company has hired seven engineers and four workers in manufacturing and assembly, a 20% boost to its workforce of 54, to keep up with rising demand.

The manufacturer of power management and power generating systems, which this year marks a century in business, has contributed to every nuclear submarine that’s been built, Sposato said. It started design work for the next-generation Columbia-class submarine in 2015 and has been ramping up since 2016.

With 98% of its business for the military, PEPCO also has built co-generation plants and fuel recovery systems for the Three Mile Island nuclear plant in Pennsylvania, he said.

The Submarine Industrial Base Council said that as demand for submarines continues to increase, the state of the submarine industrial base has been identified as the “key enabler of this growth.”

“More than two decades of low-rate submarine production has resulted in a fragile industrial base with many single or sole source suppliers,” it said.

Over the next five years, supplier-provided material is expected to increase by more than 200% to support the demands of the Virginia Class and Columbia Class programs. Significant funding has already been allocated to develop the capacity of more than 170 suppliers in 28 states, it said.

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million for the municipal budget, of which \$171 million, or nearly 55%, is allocated to payroll, benefits and insurance for employees.

Of the \$124 million that is set aside for the municipal payroll, \$89 million would be dedicated to public safety — police, fire and emergency services, Bronin said.

But two city residents said that more needs to be done to benefit the city’s most vulnerable population.

“Folks who work in human services are incredibly burdened right now because of many issues going on in the community,” said Tiffany Walton, who works in the human services field. “Of course we’re still in a pandemic, students are not as engaged as they were previously. There’s a great need for stability in the field I work in.”

“Hartford tops the nation in surpassing pre-pandemic eviction rates, and that is not a list you want to be No. 1 on.”

Warren called on the city council and the mayor to increase spending on “people-centered” sectors, such as social workers, mental-health advocates, teachers, clinicians, libraries, arts and recreation programming.

“Those are areas that invest in

people,” she said.

Walton said at least some of the money allocated for public safety can be funneled into those sectors.

“We know we need fire; we know that police have a function,” she said. “However, when we think about prevention, police are reacting to incidents. We need to make investments in people-centered roles so that we can tackle the challenges we’re facing in our community.”

South End resident and activist Hyacinth Yennie also called for increased spending on mental health services for residents.

“We have so many people with mental health issues,” she said. “I’m hoping we’re addressing that and making sure there is funding for that in our budget.”

The city also needs to increase attention on school spending, senior-home ownership and addressing smaller projects that will improve the city’s infrastructure, she said.

“There are a lot of needs,” she said. “I want to make sure we address as much as we can.”

The council, by charter, must pass the 2023 budget, which will go into effect July 1, by the end of May.

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Leader named for community college system

By Seamus McAvoy
Hartford Courant

Dr. John Maduko, vice president of academic and student affairs for Minnesota State Community and Technical College, has been appointed as the first permanent president of newly formed Connecticut State Community College, the Board of Regents for Higher Education announced Wednesday.

Connecticut State Community College, or CT State, is the product of a merger between the state's 12 individual community colleges, which educate more than 32,000 people each year.

Maduko's presidency will begin June 3, pending an employment agreement. His base salary will be \$300,000.

Terrence Cheng, president of Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, touted Maduko's experience and qualifications before the board voted to approve the appointment.

"Dr. Maduko is the right person for this job at the right time," Cheng said. "He's a medical doctor, he's an academic, he's a seasoned administrator, and he knows how

to get things done. He's a strategic leader who brings people together and he has a vision for what it means to cultivate and support not just great students, but great people."

Maduko has served in his current position at Minnesota State Community and Technical College since 2019. The college educates nearly 14,000 students and has been ranked among the top 150 community colleges in the country for five consecutive years according to the Aspen Institute.

He received his bachelor's degree in biology from California State Polytechnic University Pomona in 2004, and in 2008 earned his medical degree from St. Matthew's University School of Medicine.

Maduko has held a range of administrative roles in colleges in Texas, Florida and Georgia, as well as faculty and teaching experience between 2009 and 2018.

"I have come to Connecticut because I believe that CT State has a mission that is meaningful and authentic," Maduko said. "We are establishing a 'new normal' of higher education. The impact of the pandemic over the last two and a half years has been enor-



Maduko

mous and will have long-lasting effects. But there is an even stronger history here of success in academics and career programs, student affairs and wrap-around student services that we will leverage."

Maduko was selected following a national search by a 40-member advisory committee chaired by Aviva Budd, Board of Regents for Higher Education member.

"[Maduko] emerged from a field of immensely talented candidates, and we are confident that he has the knowledge, skills, and experience necessary to be a successful CT State president," Budd said.

Gov. Ned Lamont, who held a news conference at Manchester Community College following Maduko's appointment, applauded the board's selection.

"John Maduko approaches this position as an experienced and talented educator, with significant teaching experience," Lamont said in a statement. "I am confident that, with John Maduko in charge of the college and Terrence Cheng leading the CSCU system, we are in good hands to improve student success and provide workforce

opportunities for all Connecticut residents."

CT State is "about a year away" from fully opening, Lamont said.

The merger of Connecticut's community colleges received approval in March from the New England Commission of Higher Education, the regional accrediting commission.

Some students and faculty expressed concern over the merger's implications during a public hearing of a bill that would change the way such decisions are approved.

In an email to the school community, Cheng and CT State Interim President Michael Rooke said they "take great pride" in Connecticut's 12 colleges but that the merger is a response to the "harsh realities" of the system, including declining enrollment and unsustainable finances.

"The plan takes material steps to address those core challenges, while maintaining the uniqueness of each of our current campuses and ensuring we have the resources to continue operations with sustainability and quality," they wrote.

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Russian drug trafficker exchanged for Marine

By Eric Tucker and Matthew Lee
Associated Press

Russia and the United States carried out a dramatic prisoner exchange on Wednesday, trading a Marine veteran jailed in Moscow for a convicted Russian drug trafficker serving a long prison sentence in America, a senior U.S. official said.

The surprise deal would have been a notable diplomatic maneuver even in times of peace, but it was all the more extraordinary because it was done as Russia's war with Ukraine has driven relations with the U.S. to their lowest point in decades.

As part of the exchange, Russia released Trevor Reed, a former Marine from Texas who was arrested in the summer of 2019 after Russian authorities said he assaulted an officer while being driven by police to a police station following a night of heavy drinking. Reed was later sentenced to nine years in prison, though his family has maintained his innocence and the U.S. government has described him as unjustly detained.

The U.S. agreed to return Konstantin Yaroshenko, a Russian pilot serving a 20-year federal prison sentence in Connecticut for conspiracy to smuggle cocaine into the U.S. after he was arrested in Liberia in 2010 and extradited to the U.S.

Russia had sought his return for years while also rejecting entreaties by high-level U.S. officials to release Reed, who was nearing his 1,000th day in custody and whose health had recently been worsening, according to his family.

The two prisoners were swapped in a European country. Though officials would not say where the transfer took place, in the hours before it happened commercial flight trackers identified a plane belonging to Russia's federal security service as flying to Ankara, Turkey.

The prisoner swap marks the highest-profile release during the Biden administration of an American deemed wrongly detained abroad and comes even as families of detainees who have met over the last year with administration officials had described them as cool to the idea of an exchange.

Sex offender's email address suit reinstated

By Dave Collins
Associated Press

A convicted sex offender has made a "plausible" claim that providing his email address and other internet identifying information to Connecticut officials violates his free speech rights, a federal appeals court ruled Tuesday in reinstating his lawsuit against the state.

The decision by a three-judge panel of the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan mirrors other court rulings around the country that determined some states' laws violated sex offenders' rights.

James Cornelio, a former New York City lawyer, was convicted in New York in 2005 for sex offenses involving a minor. He later moved to New Preston, Connecticut, and was subject to Connecticut's sex offender registration requirements.

He sued Connecticut and state police officials after he was arrested in 2015 for failing to provide an email address he was using, as required by the state's law. The arrest came after Cornelio emailed the state police sex offender registry unit using an email account not registered with the state, police said.

Cornelio claimed the state's requirements violated his First Amendment rights and accused a state police detective of malicious prosecution.

U.S. District Judge Jeffrey Meyer in New Haven dismissed the lawsuit in 2020.



Leigh Ann Carmona Diaz and Sophie are Paw Project participants. COURTESY PHOTO

Paw Project helps older people keep their pets

By Jesse Leavenworth
Hartford Courant

A program meant to honor a Sandy Hook Elementary School first grader's promise is helping low-income older people keep the pets they love.

The Senior Paw Project, a program of the Catherine Violet Hubbard Animal Sanctuary in Newtown, recently expanded into Newington and is now established in 24 Connecticut towns, organizers said. The program provides pet food and veterinary care to older residents who are struggling to keep or care for their cats and dogs.

The animal sanctuary memorializes a blue-eyed girl who was one of 20 children killed in the Sandy Hook massacre on Dec. 14, 2012. Catherine Hubbard, 6, was so determined to protect animals she made business cards for Catherine's Animal Shelter and whispered to captured butterflies, before letting them go, "Tell your friends I am kind," her mother and sanctuary executive director Jenny Hubbard said.

"Catherine pledged to every creature that they would be protected and safe," Hubbard said. "The sanctuary is that pledge honored."

The Senior Paw Project is a referral-based program, partnering with municipal and nonprofit senior-housing providers, food pantries and veterinarians. Over the last three years, the program has supported more than 300 pets of older adults and provided about 325,000 pet food meals, organizers said.

For many older people on fixed incomes, financial pressures of pet ownership can compound emotional and physical stress for both the owners and pets, program organizers say. Often these animals end up in shelters, adding to the nearly 7 million animals

relinquished every year.

"No pet owner should have to choose between feeding themselves and their animal, or give up their pet due to financial hardship," said Hubbard, who is also the mother of a 17-year-old son.

Since many seniors living in affordable housing are not car owners, the program includes mobile veterinary service, providing vaccines and wellness visits to residents in their homes. Food also is delivered, Hubbard said.

Program participant Renee, 65, of Newington, who asked that her last name not be used, rated the program an "A-plus-plus-plus." The mobile vet service came to her home to see her greyhound, Gia, and they were "excellent," she said.

The Senior Paw Project is established in Western Connecticut and the plan is for a slow and steady expansion eastward that assures sustainability, Hubbard said. All clients receive services as long as they need, she said.

The sanctuary was created when the state awarded the foundation 34 acres of farmland in 2014. Part of the former Fairfield Hills State Hospital grounds, the land had been used to grow potatoes and raise chickens, among other uses.

Since its inception, the nonprofit foundation has raised more than \$6.5 million to support programs that also include a pollinator protection initiative and free community workshops focused on animal care and environmental protection.

Currently all on-site programs are run from tents, Hubbard said. Building projects in the works include a veterinary in-take center, learning barn and library.

For more information, visit cvhfoundation.org or email info@cvhfoundation.org.

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Dads Kitchen doughnuts have sold out for 2 weeks

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

Chris Rue, known by night as the bartender at Bar Piña at Goodwin Hotel, is now branching out with a daytime business. With his friend Malcolm Beckwith, Rue has started Dads Kitchen, a pop-up doughnut shop inside Hartford's Parkville Market.

They set up in the market on Sundays starting at 11 a.m., until the end of May. On their first two weekends, Dads Kitchen sold out in just a few hours. This coming Sunday, they're stepping up their game.

"The goal was to make sure we were there from 11 to 5. But we sold out. Now we have to triple the batch," he said.

Rue, who lives in West Hartford, and Beckwith started Dads at the beginning of the pandemic, using commissary kitchens at Hands on Hartford and one in Massachusetts.

"We made soul food-inspired items. We wanted to take it to the next level. We thought, we should do doughnuts. That spoke to us. Everybody loves sweets," he said. "I asked my wife for doughnut equip-



Chris Rue co-owns Dads Kitchen, a pop-up doughnut shop in Parkville Market. CHRIS RUE

ment. She bought me a book and a fryolator. I spent months learning, training, teaching myself how to do it."

The men get up at 1 a.m. to start making the doughnuts, which they will sell start-

ing at 11 a.m. Among their popular flavors are mango, blueberry glaze, passion fruit glaze, Boston cream, hibiscus cream, banana pudding cream, bacon-cheddar-chive, vanilla glazed, honey-lemon glaze and cinnamon sugar.

In June, Rue and Beckwith plan to discuss whether to open a permanent stall in the food hall. "If the response is good enough, will it be worth going six days a week at the market?" he said.

"There's a great learning curve. We fix problems every week. We're having a lot of fun," he said.

Market manager Chelsea Mouta said the market is always open to people renting space to do pop-ups.

"They get a space, try a concept, see what the traffic is like, how their product holds up in the market, possibly advance to doing a stall," she said. "We are hoping to do more of those to reach out to prospective operators."

More information is at parkvillemarket.com.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE
OLD SAYBROOK ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Old Saybrook will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, First Floor Conference Room located at 302 Main Street, Old Saybrook and via teleconference

Public Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/96174417686?pwd=Zk1kNmV2VlI3VVV1TUNNEZRSZS00T09>
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to hear the following:

21/22-26 Steven Vaughn seeks a variance of Par 24.6.2 (structure coverage Gateway Conservation Zone/15% allowed/17% proposed) of the Zoning Regulations to permit construction of a 336 s.f. detached garage at 9 Willard Avenue Extension, Map 24/ Lot 14, Residence A District, Gateway Conservation Zone, Coastal Area Management Zone.

At this hearing, interested persons may appear or submit written communication in advance.
Plans are available for review in the Land Use Department, 302 Main Street and at oldsaybrookct.gov/zoning-board-appeals

Old Saybrook Zoning Board of Appeals
Charles Gadon, Chairman
4/28,5/5/22 7194426

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following self-storage Cube contents containing household and other goods will be sold for cash by CubeSmart 201 Lake Ave Bristol CT 06010 to satisfy a lien on May 12th, 2022 at approx. 1:00pm at the following site [www.storage-treasures.com]
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TOWN OF CROMWELL PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE

The Town of Cromwell Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday May 5, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 224 of the Cromwell Town Hall at 41 West Street on the following items:

1. Application #22-09: Request to Amend the Zoning Map from Highway Business Zone District and Residential-40 Zone District to Mixed-Use Zone District at 100 Berlin Road and 15R Christian Hill Road. M360 Berlin Land Holdings, LLC is the Applicant and the Owner.

At this hearing interested persons may appear and be heard and written testimony received. This application is available for public inspection in the office of the Town Planner.

Alice Kelly
Chairman
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Battling a private war

By Dani Blum
The New York Times

Nancy Méndez-Booth was diagnosed with PTSD after she delivered a still-born baby in the winter of 2008. Within an hour after she rushed to the hospital, in labor and exhilarated, a doctor told her that the baby she had spent years planning for had no heart-beat.

When she returned home from the hospital, Méndez-Booth said she felt as if she had “arrived from Mars”; she got lost in her own apartment building. She oscillated between numbness, vivid paranoia — she worried the police would arrest her for her son’s death — and bursts of anger.

“I would just think to myself, Who in their right mind experiences four different, incredibly intense mental states in the span of 15 minutes?” said Méndez-Booth, a writer and educator in New Jersey. She couldn’t differentiate between the past and the present; she kept flashing back to the delivery table. She thought she was experiencing a psychotic break, but later, she found out she was experiencing post-traumatic stress disorder, or PTSD.

Méndez-Booth counts herself as lucky to have gotten a diagnosis. Accord-

Experts say millions of people are affected by trauma, which has become a buzzword and a meme. So why aren’t more being treated?

ing to experts, it is highly common for the disorder to go undetected. Pervasive misconceptions about who develops PTSD, and confusion over its complex cluster of symptoms, can prevent people with the disorder from seeking treatment — or realizing they have it at all. “You’re talking about millions” of people suffering from PTSD without a diagnosis, said Bessel van der Kolk, author of the seminal book on the subject, “The Body Keeps the Score,” and a leading expert in the field of treating trauma.

PTSD entered the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders in 1980 as an official diagnosis, in response to symptoms that Vietnam War veterans were exhibiting, and today, people in combat still report high rates of the disorder. According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, between 11% and 20% of veterans who served in Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom have PTSD in a given year.

But civilians are affected by post-traumatic stress, too. The trauma most likely to cause PTSD is rape, with combat trauma as a “close

second,” said Dr. Shaili Jain, a PTSD specialist at Stanford University and author of “The Unspeakable Mind.” That’s why she, along with van der Kolk and other experts, say it is vital for more people to understand what PTSD really is.

Why PTSD can go untreated

Paula Schnurr, executive director of the National Center for PTSD, said about 70% of adults in the U.S. experience at least one traumatic event, which the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention defines as an experience “marked by a sense of horror, helplessness, serious injury or the threat of serious injury or death.” But only 6% of the population will develop PTSD at some point in their lives, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs, the bulk of whom are women. Scientists are still trying to identify the biological and societal factors behind these discrepancies — like how generational trauma, the notion that some elements of PTSD may be passed down genetically, works, and what “complex” trauma, which is caused by repeated traumatic events,

does to one’s psyche.

“When we first created this diagnosis of PTSD, we said it came from an extraordinary event outside of the range of human experience,” van der Kolk said, referring to the scientists and researchers who treat the disorder. “That’s how completely out to lunch we were — to think that trauma is exceptional.”

Vanessa Haye, 34, of East Midlands, in England, developed PTSD in the wake of an ectopic pregnancy in 2019. She rushed to the hospital for surgery nine weeks into her pregnancy; a doctor told her she might not survive. Three weeks into a painful recovery, she had to decide what to do with the remains of the pregnancy: cremation or burial. Afterward, she started experiencing debilitating flashbacks. Haye would wake just before 3 a.m. each night, reeling from nightmares, wondering what the baby would have looked like.

When her husband didn’t pick up the phone, she imagined he had died. The stress was so intense that her period stopped. After six months, she went to a doctor, who told her that PTSD is common

after ectopic pregnancies. Still, Haye felt disconnected from the diagnosis, shocked that it could apply to her. It took her months to start regularly seeing a therapist.

Recognizing the symptoms

Studies show that early intervention is critical for managing, and potentially preventing, PTSD. But it can take up to two years or more for people exhibiting symptoms to get a diagnosis, Jain said, and those who don’t receive treatment within the first two years have much lower odds of recovery.

“Hearing I had PTSD — it felt like I didn’t earn it,” said Natalia Chung, 30, who was diagnosed with the disorder in 2016 after ending an abusive relationship. “Because I didn’t go to war,” she said.

Many people like Chung start therapy for PTSD only after years of struggling with the disorder, straining to navigate symptoms that, with earlier treatment, may never have developed in the first place.

Part of the reason people delay treatment is because “avoidance is the hallmark of PTSD,” said Vaile Wright, the senior director of health care innovation

at the American Psychological Association. The disorder hard-wires people to ignore reminders of trauma — they make their lives smaller and smaller to block out any evidence of what happened.

Seeking help

PTSD doesn’t always have a linear trajectory, and there’s no clear mark of recovery. For Haye, working closely with a therapist has helped her recognize and respond to her symptoms; she’s easing her way to sleeping through the night.

Traditional talk therapy isn’t the only treatment option, though. Prolonged exposure — a cognitive intervention that involves patients describing a traumatic event in precise detail — has been shown to ease PTSD symptoms in nine to 12 sessions. And emerging experimental treatments, from virtual reality therapy to controlled doses of MDMA, have shown positive results.

Digital tools can also be helpful in managing the disorder, Jain said. An app called PTSD Coach from the Department of Veterans Affairs, for example, provides information about the disorder as well as grounding exercises to help people cope with the symptoms.

Study: Most antibiotics given to seniors, Black, Hispanic patients unneeded

HealthDay News

The majority of antibiotic prescriptions for U.S. seniors and Black and Hispanic Americans are inappropriate, a new report reveals.

For the study, researchers analyzed federal government data on more than 7 billion outpatient visits to doctors’ offices, hospital clinics and emergency departments nationwide between 2009 and 2016. Nearly 8 million

visits (11%) led to antibiotic prescriptions, the researchers reported at a meeting of the European Congress of Clinical Microbiology & Infectious Diseases in Lisbon, Portugal. Research presented at meetings should be considered preliminary until published in a peer-reviewed journal.

“Our results suggest that Black and Hispanic patients may not be properly treated and are receiving antibiotic prescriptions even when not indicated,”

said study leader Dr. Eric Young, of the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio.

“We know that physicians typically send patients home with antibiotics if they suspect their symptoms may lead to an infection,” Young explained. “This practice becomes more common when patients are unlikely to return for a follow-up visit (i.e., no established care within a clinic or hospital system), which

more frequently happens in minority populations.”

Antibiotic prescribing rates were highest in Black and Hispanic patients (122 and 139 prescriptions per 1,000 visits, respectively), the study found. They were also high in patients younger than 18 and females (114 and 170 prescriptions per 1,000 visits, respectively).

In all, 64% of antibiotic prescriptions for Black patients, 58% of those for Hispanic patients, 74% of

those for people aged 65 and older, and 58% of those for males were inappropriate, researchers reported.

Inappropriate prescriptions were most often written for conditions not caused by a bacterial infection, such as non-bacterial skin conditions, viral respiratory tract infections and bronchitis, the study found.

Overuse of antibiotics has led to resistant bacteria that are becoming more difficult, and sometimes impossible, to treat.



DREAMSTIME

CELEBRITIES

Mirren lands ‘Beautiful Issue’ cover

From news services

Helen Mirren graces People magazine’s “The Beautiful Issue” in a cover story that touches on her thoughts of beauty and how the Oscar winner still gets nervous before filming a role. The magazine on Wednesday revealed the cover of the annual issue, which hits newsstands Friday.

Mirren, 76, said she was “gobstruck” after learning about her honor and never considered herself beautiful — especially at her age. From her perspective, the word beauty should be dubbed another word: swagger.

“I love the word swagger because I think swagger means I’m confident in myself, I’m presenting myself to the world, I’m enjoying the world around me,” said Mirren.

The actor, who has been a L’Oreal Paris spokesperson since 2014, has built an impressive acting career with more than 140 credits in 55 years.

“I think what is called the beauty industry should be called the swagger industry,” she said. “We’re giving people swagger.”

Despite her revered career, she still finds herself nervous before starting a new project.

“I get very nervous about the day-to-day process,” said Mirren. “And meeting and dealing with new people. And not knowing whether I am going to remember my lines or not. I just get very frightened until I get into the swing of things, and then I kind of relax.”

After a film wraps, Mirren said her nerves are calmed and she doesn’t read any reviews — good or bad.

Pattinson set for ‘Batman’ sequel: Robert Pattinson will return as the titular superhero in a sequel to “The Batman.”



Helen Mirren, seen Feb. 27, was chosen for the cover of People magazine’s “The Beautiful Issue.” JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION

The new movie was announced Tuesday by director Matt Reeves at the CinemaCon event in Las Vegas, but the filmmaker didn’t reveal further details. The announcement comes less than two months after “The Batman” premiered to rave reviews. The first film to star Pattinson as the Dark Knight, “The Batman” has grossed more than \$750 million worldwide.

A release date for the sequel has not been revealed.

Bad Bunny makes history with Marvel casting: Sony Pictures has cast Puerto Rican reggaeton superstar Bad Bunny as El Muerto, the first Latinx superhero to lead a live-action Marvel film.

The Latin trap artist and wrestling aficionado will play Juan-Carlos Estrada Sanchez, aka El Muerto, a masked Mexican wrestler who inherits superhuman strength from his powerful ancestors. His casting was announced Monday at CinemaCon in Las Vegas. In the comic books, El

Muerto is associated with Spider-Man, Sony’s most bankable Marvel character. “El Muerto” is slated to hit theaters Jan. 12, 2024.

Lil Nas X to tour: Music superstar Lil Nas X is going on his first tour. The artist will launch the Long Live Montero Tour in Detroit on Sept. 6. He has lined up 14 U.S. and one Canadian stop at relatively small theaters. Then he’ll make his way to Europe in early November.

On Tuesday, the rapper, 23, released the video announcement, which plays like a highlight reel of controversial moments from his nascent career.

April 28 birthdays: Actor Ann-Margret is 81. TV host Jay Leno is 72. Actor Mary McDonnell is 70. Rapper Too Short is 56. Actor Jorge Garcia is 49. Actor Penelope Cruz is 48. TV personalities Drew and Jonathan Scott are 44. Actor Jessica Alba is 41. Actor Harry Shum Jr. is 40. Actor Jenna Ushkowitz is 36. Actor Aleisha Allen is 31.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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Volatile relationship benefits from separation

Dear Amy: I am a 35-year-old professional woman, recently separated from my husband of nine years.

Our marriage has been rife with volatility due to his uncontrollable anger and my tumultuous relationship with alcohol during our relationship.

That being said, we have worked through most of our issues. He’s my best friend.

I’m in therapy and have a treatment team that has helped me to overcome my alcohol abuse disorder, as well as years of insecurity, co-dependency and anxiety. I am in a good place and no longer have room in my life for violence, anger and abuse.

My husband and I recently got into an argument where he put his hands on me.

I was shocked that he would put his hands on me during an argument where we were both sober and working at home.

He has since been apologetic and has enrolled in anger management therapy. I’ve wanted him to do this for years, but I fear it might be too late.

I am an assertive, independent woman who doesn’t take any nonsense.

With this situation, however, I feel anything but those things.

Am I completely off my rocker to think things might still work between us?

— *Woeful Woman*

Dear Woeful: You should not risk your physical or emotional safety — or your sobriety — in order to live with your husband.

Based on your narrative, it seems that the majority of your time together has

been marked by anger and strife — on both sides. Can you two move forward in a relationship where many of the triggers might remain, but all of your familiar coping mechanisms have been removed? You’ll have to see.

If you are working your sobriety program, I assume that you have become acquainted with the “one day at a time” model.

My point is that thinking of this as all-or-nothing might not be the wisest course right now.

You and he should remain separated so you can both experience what life is like when you’re actually living differently as individuals in recovery.

The answer to your dilemma is likely to present itself over the course of the next six months or so.

Even if you decide to permanently part, you should not have to surrender your friendship.

Dear Amy: My girlfriend and I have been together for about five years. We are both progressing in our careers and making strides personally, professionally and as a couple.

We are at the point where we are ready to take the next step. My girlfriend wants to move to Florida. She wants me to come too, but she plans to go one way or the other in the next year or two.

I love Florida, but all of my friends and family are here in New England. After my dad died (about 10 years ago), my sister and mom have relied on me to be there for them. Truthfully, I would miss being there for them, too.

I know I’d always be a phone call away, but it’s

just not the same.

I love my girlfriend more than anything, and I don’t want to lose her, but I’m not sure I’m ready to move away from my home and everyone I know.

How can I make this decision?

— *Uncertain*

Dear Uncertain: You should start by very honestly trying to decode your own motivations. Surely your mother would miss you, but would she be devastated? Talk to her about this. Are you genuinely necessary to your family, or are you afraid to move?

Being nervous about leaving home is completely natural. It speaks to your compassionate nature.

You don’t need to have a definitive answer right now. After your girlfriend moves, you could transition to a long-distance relationship, which should help you to clarify all of your competing priorities.

Dear Amy: Responding to “Bay Area Stepmom Cook,” whose son-in-law hates onions, she should cook the onions first. It takes away that bitter taste. They can be roasted or fried to a light brown, and they develop a sweet taste.

— *SC*

Dear SC: Thank you for the suggestion, but judging from my mailbag, there are many people out there who just don’t like onions! “Stepmom Cook” saw this as a character flaw.

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Animated versions of “Sesame Street” characters Abby Cadabby, Cookie Monster and Elmo are seen in the new CGI-animated show “Mecha Builders.” SESAME WORKSHOP

Trio of ‘Sesame Street’ monsters transforms for ‘Mecha Builders’

By Mark Kennedy
Associated Press

Cookie Monster, Elmo and Abby Cadabby are utterly transformed in a new “Sesame Street” show. You might even say they’re Transformers. The furry monsters wear cool metal suits bursting with gizmos and soar through the air in their new CGI-animated show “Mecha Builders,” adding some science and technology lessons along with their adventures.

“These are characters that are beloved and that our audience loves. So it’s just like expanding on these characters and who they can become,” says Kay Wilson Stallings, executive vice president of creative and production at Sesame Workshop, the nonprofit organization behind “Sesame Street.”

Each 11-minute episode begins with a problem — a runaway train, a hurtling Earth-bound asteroid, a melting ice slide, a broken movie screen or a wayward boulder — and the trio tries a series of fixes, refining their ideas until finding an answer. The lesson is to always plan, test and solve.

For the busted movie screen, the Mecha Builders

first use a giant wooden sculpture and then some window glass as a replacement before coming across the answer: a repainted billboard. Along the way, they learned that round or see-through objects don’t work well for projecting images onto.

“That’s how kids learn, right? You’re not going to get it right the first time. And what we like to model is what these characters are doing: They’re really heroes in training, and so there’s a lot of trial and error,” says Wilson Stallings. “You just have to have perseverance, and you have to do a little creative problem solving before you end up with the right solution.”

The Mecha Builders’ motto is repeated in every episode: “First we planned it. We thought about ways to solve the problem,” says Abby. Elmo soon takes it: “Then we tested it. We tried different ideas and didn’t give up.” Finally, Cookie Monster finishes it off: “Then we solved it. We found a solution and saved the day.”

The show is part of a new content partnership between WarnerMedia Kids & Family and Sesame

Workshop and is set to debut on HBO Max and Cartoon Network in early May. The first episode — “They Sent Us a Pie” — recently premiered on the “Sesame Street” YouTube channel.

In the new series, Cookie Monster, Elmo and Abby Cadabby maintain the sweet personalities they’ve always had, but their sleek suits provide them all kinds of problem-solving tools. Elmo has an arm loaded with everything from a vacuum and a drill to an umbrella and a laser cutter. Cookie Monster has a hammer hand and the ability to see very far away, something called “googly vision.”

All three characters can temporarily grow giant-sized or drop down to be teeny-tiny. Together they explore concepts like magnetism and melting and learn about the usefulness of wedges, both for splitting wood and to keep large objects parked.

“It’s all about character, it’s all about great stories that are relatable to kids,” says Wilson Stallings. “Oh, and yeah, you’re learning something, too. So it’s all about a combination of all of that.”

HOROSCOPES

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Aries (March 21-April 19): Your heart might try to overwhelm your head today. Emotions could be running high, but you can take steps beforehand to avoid jumping to conclusions or having an emotional outburst. Allow yourself to let logic lead rather than emotion.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Past experiences could be resurfacing. Issues that you thought you left behind may be back — coming from different people or a different place. When you run away from your problems, you aren’t healing, so you receive it again from the universe. This time, you can face it!

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Other people may be pressuring you to make a decision. You might have already decided what you want to do, but the people around you could be trying to sway you. While getting advice from outside is fine, make sure you’ll be happy when it’s time to experience the outcome.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Appearance and reputation are important factors today. You may have lost your chance to make a positive first impression. Someone may give a new connection an unsavory opinion of you. Accept what’s already happened and do your best to show them who you really are.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On April 28, 1945, dictator Benito Mussolini and his mistress were executed as they attempted to flee Italy.

In 1952, war with Japan ended as a treaty signed the year before took effect.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): While you want to become the best at what you do, it may not line up with this future you’re envisioning. Excuses or being pessimistic to avoid being disappointed could be holding you back from what you really want. Speak what you want to see into existence, not what you’re afraid of!

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A fear of trusting others may be walling out people. Even if you’re just trying to protect yourself, you might be shutting out people who can elevate your life. Without a support system, you won’t have anyone to celebrate with when you make it! Open up enough to let the right people in.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Trying to be a people pleaser might be pulling you in the wrong direction. You want everyone to be happy, but when their wants clash with your needs, it’s a difficult choice. Sometimes there is no real compromise, and someone doesn’t get what they want. Trust your intuition.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): It could feel impossible to be productive before feelings are resolved. You want to just get on to business as usual, but the energy isn’t the same while tension hangs in the air. Whether you’re afraid or don’t want to talk, it’s not likely to go away on its own. Be brave enough to clear the air!

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Current drama might make it difficult to feel secure, but don’t let people run over you emotionally. Someone may be stressing you out. It’s okay to let them know that you won’t be their doormat. Setting boundaries doesn’t make you mean. It’s letting them know what behavior you won’t tolerate.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Past emotional hurts may be brought to mind today. You might not be sure how to feel about it, even now that you’ve gained some distance. Instead of letting this take you to a negative space, try to analyze the situation. This can help you move into a healed space.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Something that you struggled to grasp could be ready to be tackled. Now that you’re older and wiser, you better understand it. The part of you that remembers what it felt like to fall short could try to hold you back from trying again. Don’t give in — show off what you can do!

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): A lack of stability could be difficult to explain. Someone may not understand why you’re unable to do something. While you can’t make them experience your exact history, you can explain where you’re coming from. Your vulnerability can take you further than retaliation.

In 1967, heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali was stripped of his title after he refused to be inducted into the armed forces.

In 1986, the Soviet Union informed the world of the disaster at Chernobyl.

In 1990, the musical “A Chorus Line” closed after 6,137 performances on Broadway.

In 1994, former CIA official Aldrich Ames, who had passed U.S. secrets to the Soviet Union and then Russia, pleaded guilty to espionage and tax evasion, and was sentenced to life in prison without parole.

In 2021, federal agents raided the home of Rudy Giuliani, former President Donald Trump’s personal lawyer; they seized computers and cellphones.

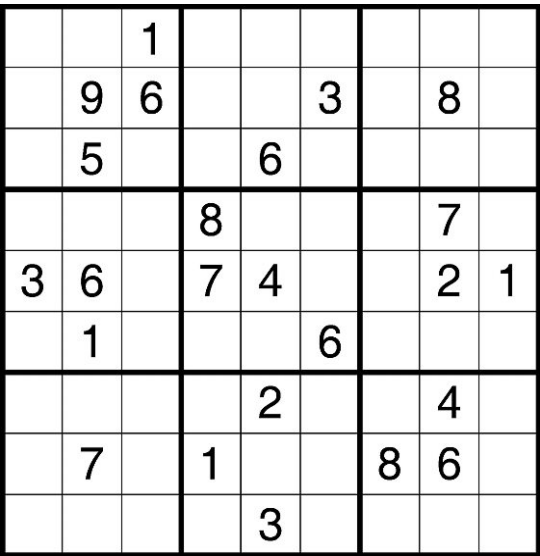
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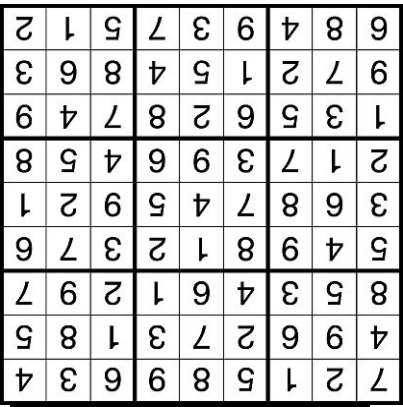
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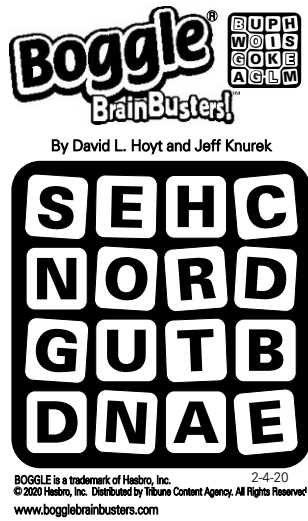
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BOGGLE



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- 3 letters = 1 point
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- 31-60 = Gamer
- 21-30 = Rookie
- 11-20 = Amateur
- 0-10 = Try again

Boggle BrainBusters Bonus
We put special brain-busting words into the grid of letters. Can you find them?
Find AT LEAST SIX WORDS RELATED TO MUSIC in the grid of letters.

NOTE: BEAT SONG TUNE BAND CHORD

WordWheel



Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

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WORD SEARCH

Wordsearch: right on cue

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Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, or diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

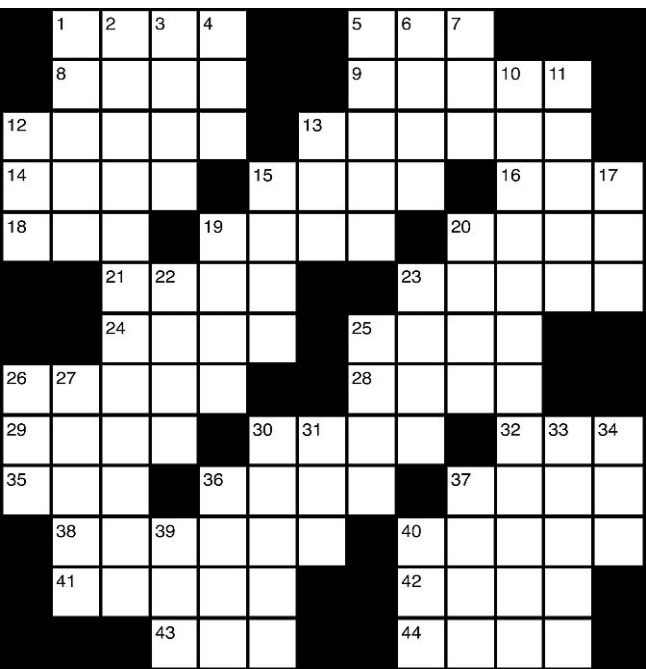


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| BAIZE | CUSHION | MISS | SHOT |
| BALLS | DOUBLE | PINK | SIDE |
| BAULK | EXTENSION | PLANT | SNOOKER |
| BLACK | FOUL | POCKET | SPIDER |
| BLUE | FRAME | POINTS | SPOT |
| BREAK | GREEN | RACK | SWERVE |
| BROWN | IN OFF | REDS | TABLE |
| CENTER | KISS | REFEREE | TRIANGLE |
| CHALK | LIGHT | REST | WHITE |
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TV CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- 1 "___ for All Seasons"; Oscar-winning film
- 5 Series for Catherine Bell
- 8 Easy stride
- 9 Em and Bee
- 12 Had supper
- 13 Ferrer of "NCIS: Los Angeles"
- 14 Heartburn cause
- 15 Hanks and Selleck
- 16 "The ___ Adventures of Old Christine"
- 18 Next month: abbr.
- 19 "___ Improvement"
- 20 New thought
- 21 Sherman Hemsley sitcom
- 23 Pitfalls
- 24 Small horse
- 25 Gentle of "The Goldbergs"
- 26 Carrie Underwood and Jordin Sparks
- 28 Howard and Perlman
- 29 "___ Plus 8"
- 30 "Eyes Wide ___"; Tom Cruise film
- 32 "___ Big Girl Now"
- 35 Suffix for differ or exist

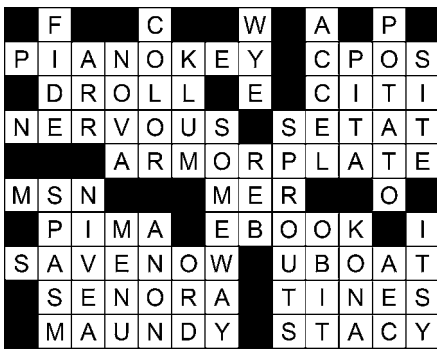
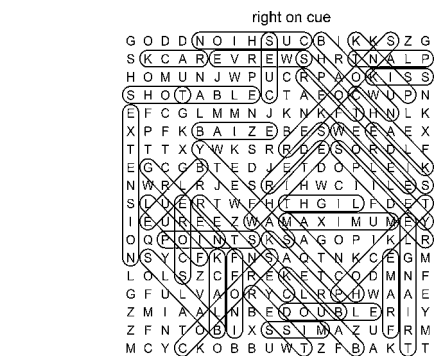


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- 36 Oxford, for one
- 37 "The Man Who ___ Too Much"; James Stewart movie
- 38 "Little House on the Prairie" role
- 40 Book spine info
- 41 "The Suze ___ Show"
- 42 Arthur of tennis
- 43 "Bill ___ the Science Guy"
- 44 "___ dead people"; Cole's line in "The Sixth Sense"

DOWN

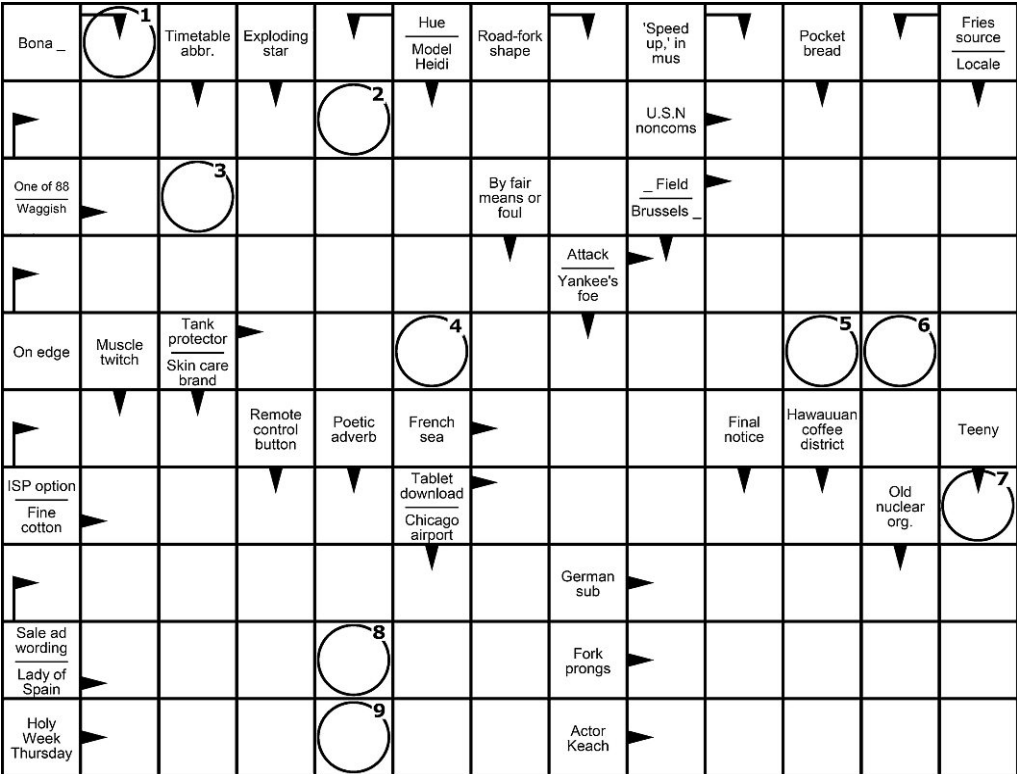
- 1 Waitress at Mel's Diner
- 2 "Wisdom of the Crowd" actress
- 3 Ridiculed
- 4 "___ and Stacey"
- 5 ___ Pressly of "Mom"
- 6 Summer months: abbr.
- 7 Wildebeest
- 10 "___ Valley"; Kyra Sedgwick series
- 11 "The Big ___"; film for Bogart and Bacall
- 12 "American ___"
- 13 June, to the Beaver
- 15 Actor Danza
- 17 "How the West ___ Won"
- 19 Egg producers
- 20 "___ Man"; Robert Downey Jr. film
- 22 "The ___"; Anderson Cooper adventure game show
- 23 Horse's gait
- 25 "___ Grit"; Jeff Bridges movie
- 26 Storekeeper on "The Waltons"
- 27 "Book 'em, ___"
- 30 Glow
- 31 Garden implement
- 33 Free-for-all
- 34 Sense of wonderment
- 36 Kill
- 37 "___ the Girls"; film for Morgan Freeman and Ashley Judd
- 39 File drawer, perhaps
- 40 Skater Babilonia



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ARROW WORDS

Fill in the grid using the clues provided in the direction of the arrows. When complete, unscramble the letters in the circles to reveal a mystery word.

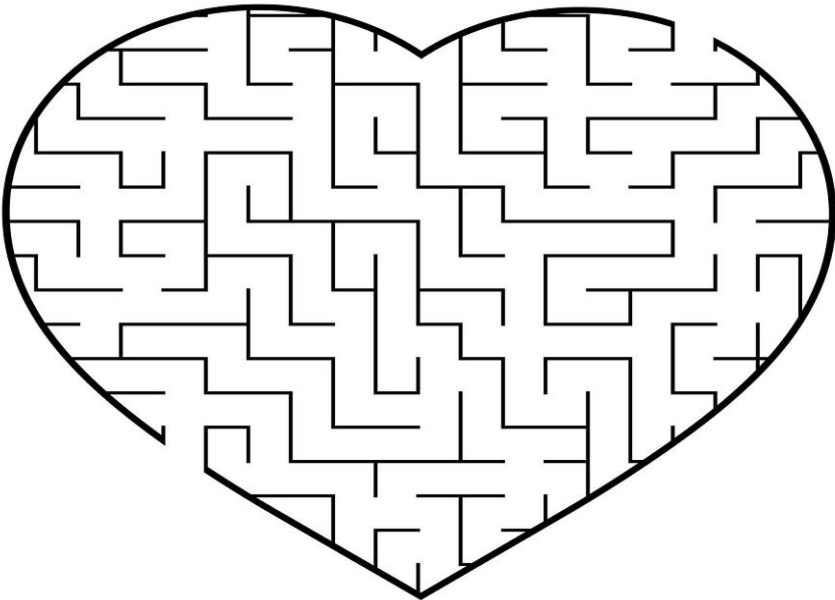


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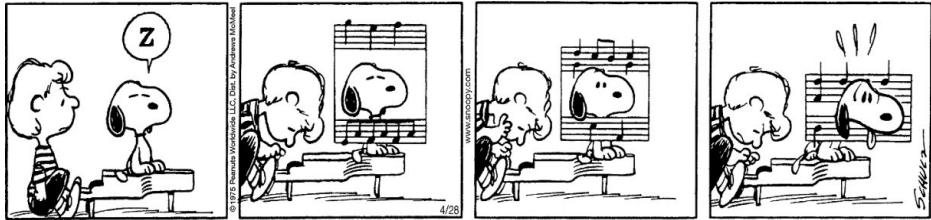
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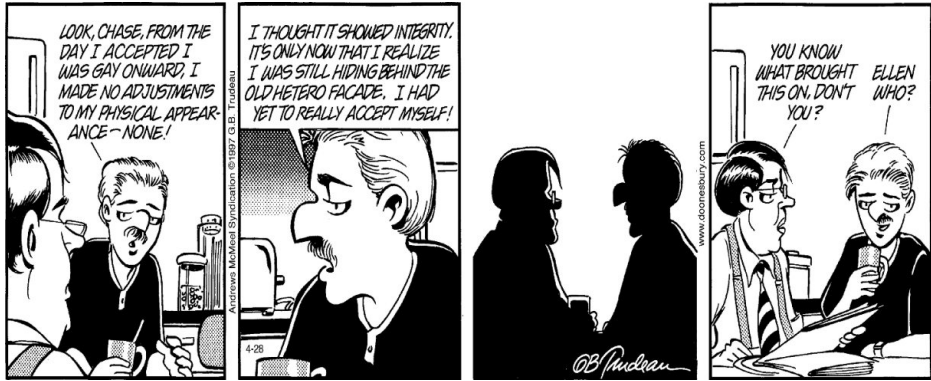
Can you find two identical rabbits?



Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz



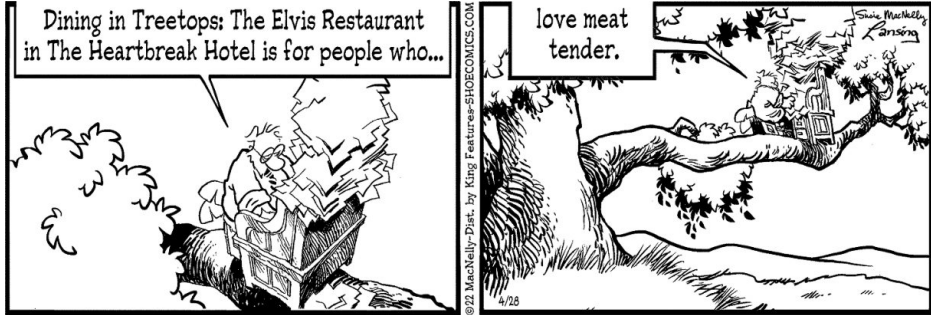
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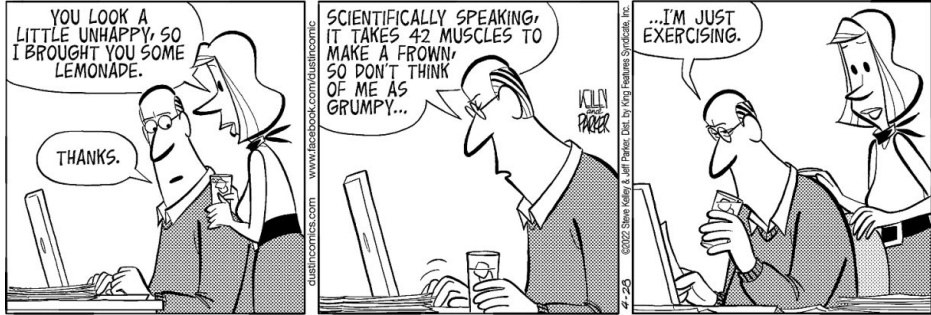
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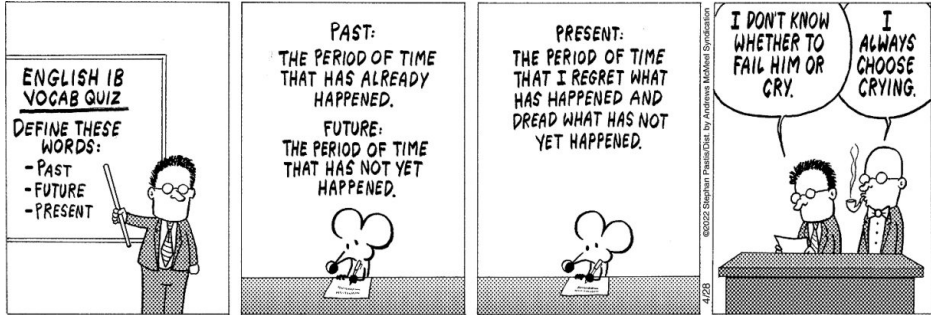
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Dustin By Steve Kelley & Jeff Parker



Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis



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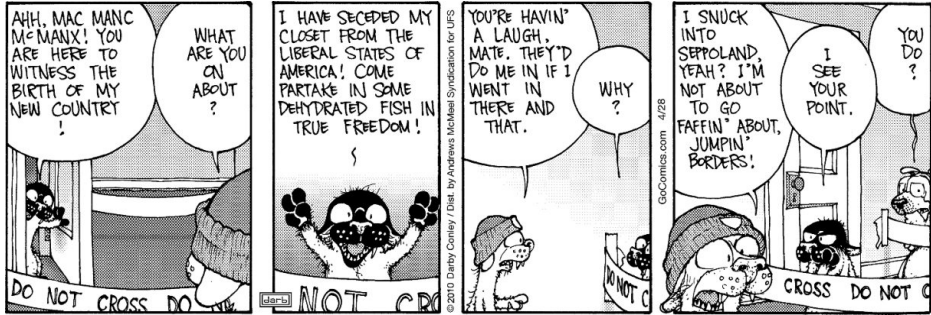
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Jump Start By Robb Armstrong



Get Fuzzy By Darby Conley



Blondie By Dean Young and John Marshall



Dilbert By Scott Adams



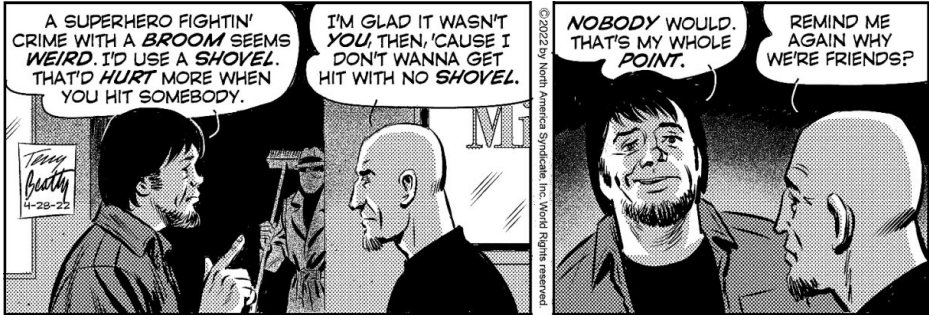
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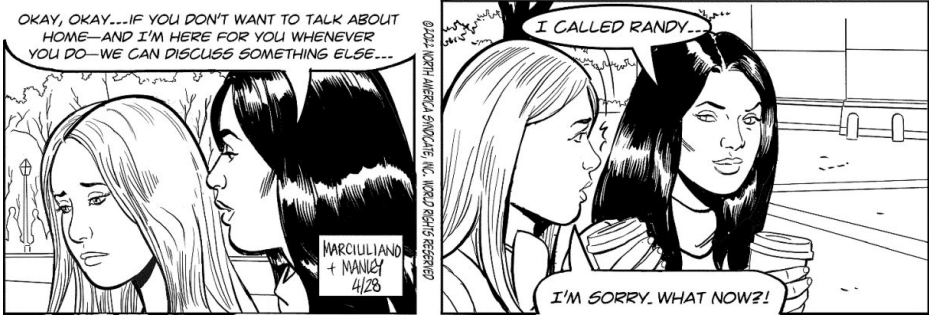
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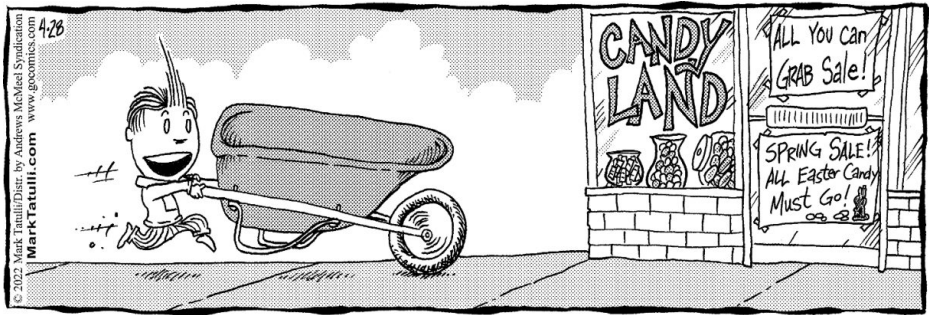
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Funky Winkerbean By Tom Batiuk



Lio By Mark Tatulli



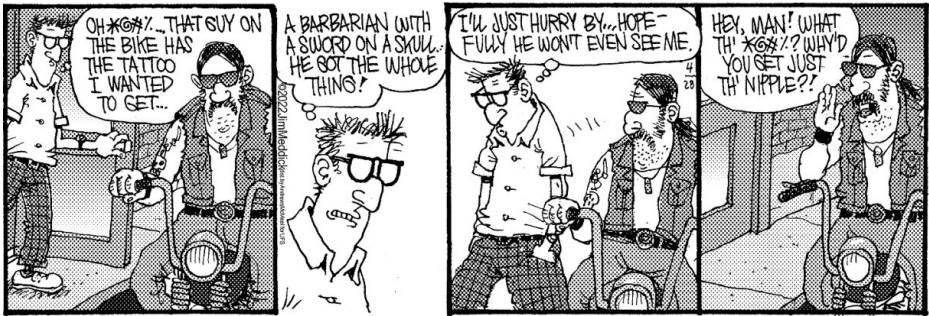
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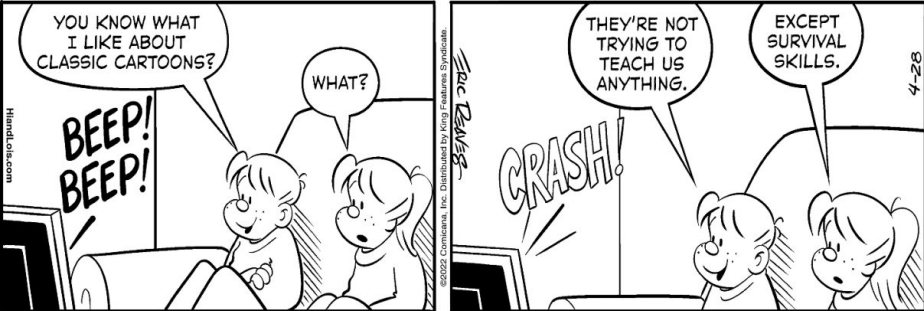
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Beetle Bailey by Mort, Greg & Brian Walker



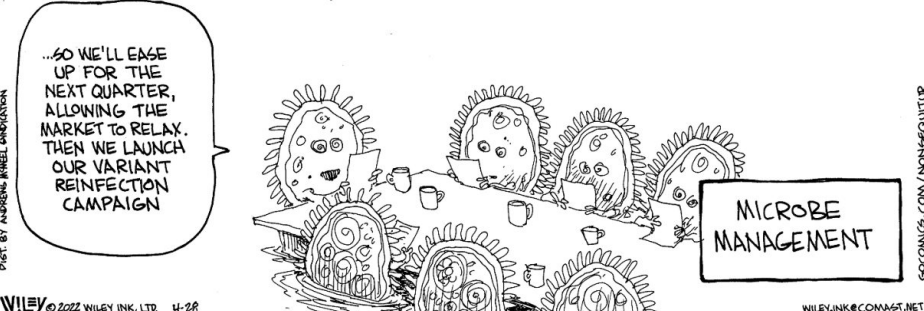
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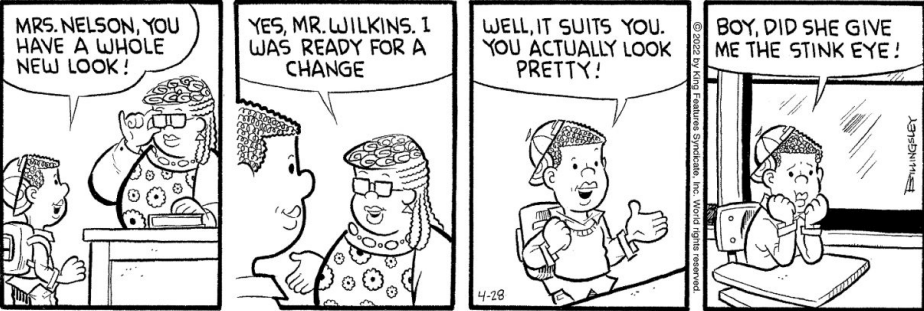
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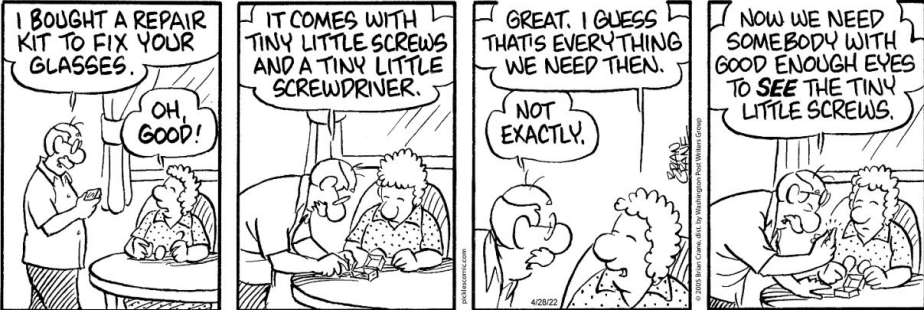
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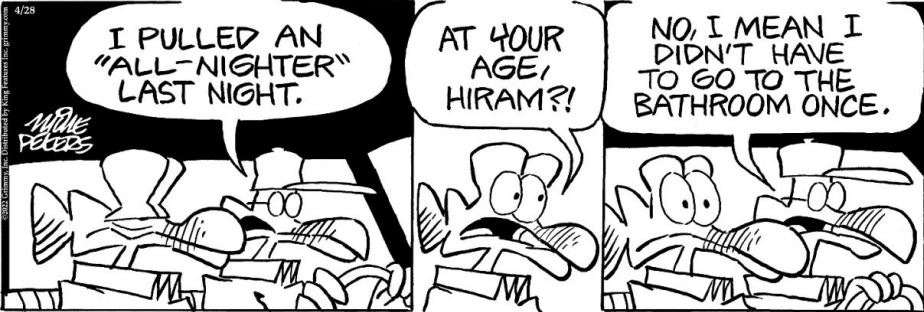
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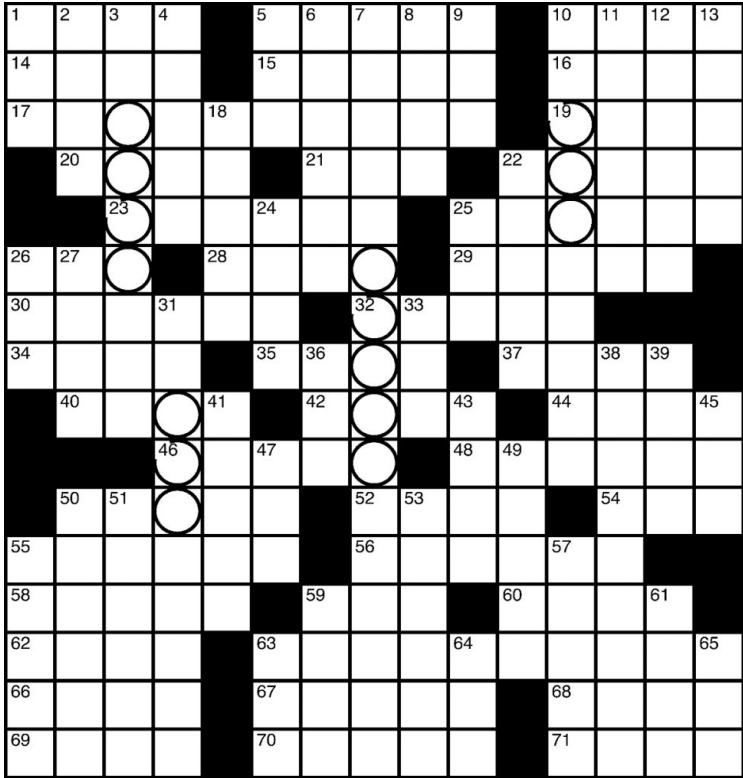
Across

- 1 Top of the world?
5 De ___: actual
10 Preservers of preserves
14 At any time
15 It's all in your head
16 Géorgie, par exemple
17 Open to discussion
19 Wrapped up
20 None whatsoever
21 Deli sandwich with two vegetables
22 Burn slightly
23 First player to make a slam dunk in a WNBA game
25 Maintenance
26 Legolas, for one
28 Clock sound
29 Back with bucks
30 Appeared
32 Osaka from Osaka
34 "In ___ of gifts ..."
35 Mix around
37 Shakshuka ingredients
40 Concerning
42 Drive-thru devices
44 Chick tenders
46 Olympic swords
48 Courteous acknowledgment
50 Maguire of "Seabiscuit"
52 Put on
54 "Riverdale" actor KJ ___
55 Campus job security
56 Make beloved
58 Worshipper in dreadlocks, informally
59 Meadow bleat
60 Rose Bowl org.

- 62 Neglect to mention
63 "Way, way off!"
66 Nix
67 "Easy on Me" singer
68 Uruguay's Punta del ___
69 Place with a tree guarded by a flaming sword
70 Black Panther's hat
71 Close securely

Down

- 1 Implement stored in a notebook's spiral
2 Tandoor, e.g.
3 Revenue for attorneys
4 Eat into
5 Org. in "Judas and the Black Messiah"
6 One of Morocco's official languages
7 Garment associated with the Aran Islands
8 Lean slightly
9 Single
10 Warrior with a lightsaber
11 Made things right
12 Spans
13 Hard to climb
18 Aesthetic sense
22 Ocean froth
24 10-Across tops
25 Sci-fi spacecraft
26 Subj. for some new immigrants
27 "Star Wars" general
31 Option clicked during a Zoom call
33 Vaccination spot, typically
36 Kim ___-hyung: full name of the BTS singer known as V
38 Start to make more money, and what the circled letters do?
39 Cutting sound
41 Work with a score
43 Fish with prized roe
45 Place for a snail facial
47 Part of REM
49 Big concert venue
50 Paired (up)
51 Not remote
53 Make possible
55 Treasure stash
57 High points
59 Foreshadow
61 Resort near Snowbird
63 Collar
64 "Is it soup ___?"
65 Smoked fish in unagi nigiri



By C.C. Burnikel

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BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

- ♠ A K 6 3
♥ 10 9 8
♦ J 4
♣ K Q 10 5

EAST

- ♠ J 9 8 7 5 2
♥ K 6 2
♦ 8 7
♣ 7 4

SOUTH

- ♠ A Q J 7 4
♥ K 6 3
♦ J 9 8 2

The bidding:

- North East South West
1 ♠ 1 ♦
1 ♠ Pass 3 ♠
3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠
Opening lead — eight of diamonds.

The secret of good defense

It is extremely difficult to defend well at all times, yet in most deals the winning line of defense, if there is one, can be found — provided there's a defender with a will strong enough to find it.

Take this case, which illustrates how a determined defender pursues his goal. West leads what is obviously his highest diamond, won by East with the ace, and the question is what East should play next.

Since he has only two defensive tricks himself, all of East's thoughts should be directed toward hands his partner might have that could produce two more tricks. Practically all such hands require West to have a trump holding of A-x-x or K-x-x, so East should assume that his partner has one of these holdings.

This assumption, however, leads to only three tricks, so East's next step is to continue searching for a means of

acquiring a fourth trick. Given South's jump to three clubs at his second turn, it seems certain that he must hold either four or five clubs, which in turn means that West has either one or two clubs.

Once East gets this far, all that remains is to try to pinpoint West's actual club holding. East resolves this question by assuming that if West had the A-x-x or K-x-x of trump and also had a singleton club, he would surely have led a club originally rather than a diamond. East therefore concludes that West started with a doubleton club.

Accordingly, East returns a low club at trick two! No matter how South proceeds from this point on, he can no longer make the contract. As soon as West gains the lead with his king of trump, he returns a club to East's ace and ruffs the next club to put the contract down one.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

NACPI

RCOGA

PLTUPI

NULEGO

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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I was thinking today that instead of being a 3-D programmer, I'd be an orthodontist. I'd still be using my skill for spatial relations.

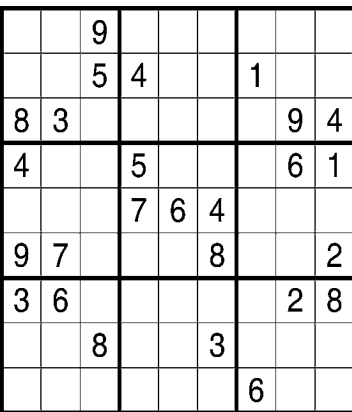
You've already made a path. You'll find your career out of picking careers.

TALKING ABOUT WHAT TYPE OF JOB SHE'D EVENTUALLY HAVE WAS BECOMING HER ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

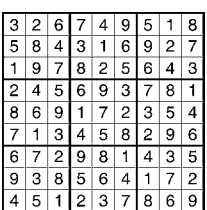
Yesterday's Jumbles: GROUP SILKY FINALE FACADE Answer: When they reduced the cost of skydiving lessons, customers loved the --- FALLING PRICES

TODAY'S SUDOKU



Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

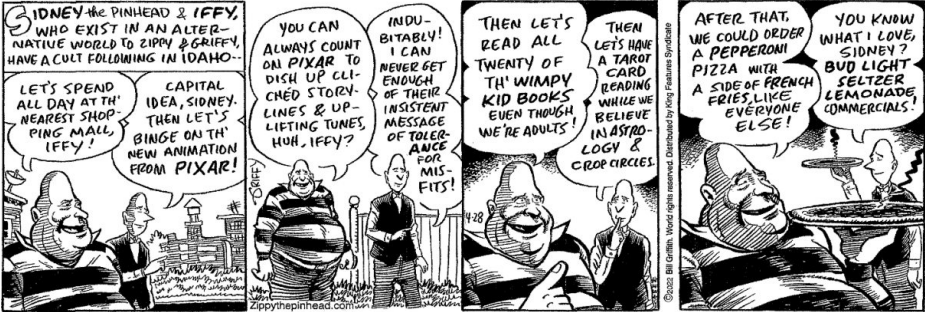
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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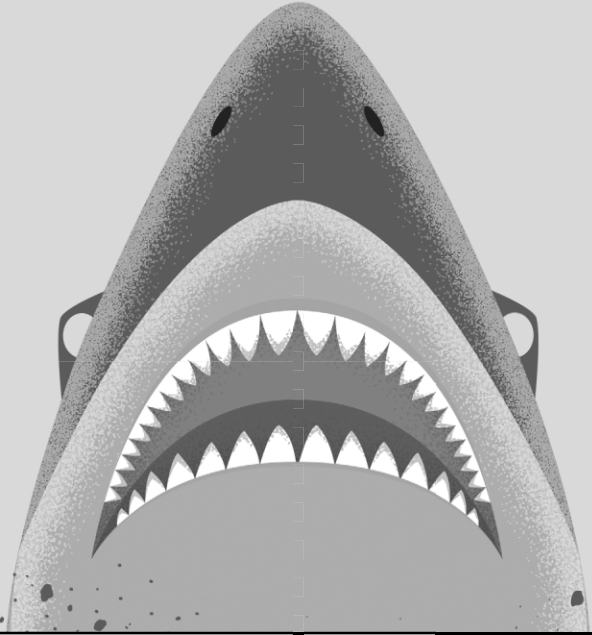
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UCONN FOOTBALL NFL DRAFT

Huskies DT Jones, others await draft

By Dom Amore
Hartford Courant

Travis Jones had a successful football career at UConn, especially his senior season, by rising above the upheaval and circumstances around him and meeting the challenge of the competition. His best game with the Huskies may have been in a 44-7 loss at Clemson, a perennial playoff contender, and he got the attention of pro scouts at the Senior

Bowl. “Playing schools with bigger names, you have a good game against those guys, people are going to take note of your talents,” said the defensive tackle who played at Wilbur Cross High in New Haven. During the months leading up to the NFL draft, which begins Thursday night, Jones has risen in the eyes of those who evaluate, project and make the decisions. Jones could be picked in the

first round, or more likely in the second round on Friday. “I was talking to a team that just had him in [for a workout] and we were discussing him,” said NFL Network draft analyst Daniel Jeremiah in a conference call with reporters this week. “The tape was good from the fall. It wasn’t as good as he was at the Senior Bowl. He put on a show down there. It’s hard to find guys that are that big and that powerful and that athletic. He followed that

up with an outstanding combine. He’s probably helped himself through the process as much as anybody has. Maybe he sneaks under the bottom of [round] one, but probably somebody that goes in that early second round when it’s all said and done.” Jones, 6 feet 4, 325 pounds, dominated top offensive linemen at the Senior Bowl in February, then turned heads at the

Turn to Draft, Page 2

In Friday’s e-edition



Check out our Friday e-edition for a 4-page, digital-only section covering Thursday’s first round of the NFL draft, which will be completed too late for our print editions. The section will include pick-by-pick analysis, draft winners and losers, and how players enjoyed the night. **Go to [courant.com](#) and click on the ENewspaper tab.**

UCONN WOMEN’S BASKETBALL ALUMS IN THE WNBA



From left, Sue Bird, Breanna Stewart, Diana Taurasi and Crystal Dangerfield, all stars within the UConn program over the past 20 years, also have made their mark on the WNBA. GETTY, AP FILE

SISTERHOOD, FROM A TO Z

From Sue Bird to Christyn Williams:
Catching up with the UConn women’s
hoops stars now in the WNBA

By Lila Bromberg
Hartford Courant



UConn’s Olivia Nelson-Ododa runs up the court during the second half of a Final Four game against Stanford on April 1 in Minneapolis. CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/AP

The WNBA season is just around the corner, which means it’s time to get up to speed with your favorite former UConn stars. There are 19 Huskies in the league, good for well over a tenth of the players, though a few are injured or have things keeping them from playing at the start of this year. Here is a look at every UConn player in the WNBA, with one thing to know about each entering this season.

Sue Bird

Of all the UConn players in the WNBA, Bird certainly has the biggest storyline this season. After hearing “one more year!” chants in the 2021 playoffs, the 41-year-old guard decided to return for her 19th season. With four championships and the league’s all-time assist record, Bird’s legacy has been well cemented for some time now. It is expected that this will be her final season, but Bird has been open about how much she’s still grappling with the decision. Bird has said she doesn’t want this year to be about her, but her career is without a doubt something to be celebrated.

Tina Charles

After spending the 2021 season with the Washington Mystics, Charles is teaming up with fellow former UConn stars Diana Taurasi and Kia Nurse in Phoenix. The 6-foot-3 Charles will look to build on an impressive campaign last year, in which she led the WNBA in scoring with 23.4 points per

game — the highest scoring output of her career — and also averaged 9.6 rebounds (fifth in the league) and 2.1 assists while shooting 36.9% on 3-pointers.

Napheesa Collier

Collier announced in November that she and her fiancé Alex Bazzell are expecting a baby girl, due in May. As such, the 6-foot-1 forward will miss the start of the 2022 season. Last year, Collier averaged 16.2 points, 6.6 rebounds and 3.2 assists per game.

Crystal Dangerfield

Dangerfield was named the WNBA Rookie of the Year in 2020 after averaging 16.2 points, 3.6 assists and 2.0 rebounds per game, but her production went down in 2021 when Layshia Clarendon joined the Minnesota Lynx and took some of her minutes. Dangerfield still managed to put up 7.7 points, 2.8 assists and 2.0 rebounds last season, but she’ll look to earn more time on the floor and bring her production back up in 2022.

Stefanie Dolson

Dolson is fresh off a WNBA championship with the Chicago Sky, but she’s with a new team this season. In February, Dolson signed with the New York Liberty, where she figures to play a prominent role down low. The 6-5 center averaged 7.5 points and 3.5 rebounds for the Sky in 2021, starting 15 of 24 regular-season games.

Turn to UConn, Page 4

RED SOX LATE TUESDAY

Springer helps send Sox to 4th straight loss

Associated Press

TORONTO — George Springer hit a two-run homer to force extra innings, Raimel Taipa hit a game-ending sacrifice fly in the 10th, and the Toronto Blue Jays handed the slumping Boston Red Sox their fourth straight loss, 6-5 on Tuesday night. The Blue Jays have six come-from-behind wins this season. “There’s no real panic,” said Springer, whose homer was the 200th of his career. “There’s always a belief that we’re one at-bat away, one big play in the field, one pitch away from being back in the ballgame. It makes it fun every day.” Matt Barnes (0-1) intentionally walked Vladimir Guerrero Jr. to begin the bottom of the 10th, and Alejandro Kirk walked to load the bases. Matt Chapman struck out look-



Blue Jays center fielder George Springer reacts after hitting a two-run home run to tie the game during the ninth inning against the Red Sox on Tuesday in Toronto. NATHAN DENETTE/AP

ing before lefthander Matt Strahm replaced Barnes. Tapia hit a fly ball to left on the ninth pitch of his at-bat, scoring automatic runner Bo Bichette. “It’s huge,” Springer said. “For us to understand what it takes to come out on top in these games is big, especially for a stretch run, potentially.”

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UCONN MEN’S BASKETBALL

Former Huskies guard Gaffney transferring to Florida Atlantic

By Shreyas Laddha
Hartford Courant

Former UConn men’s basketball guard Jalen Gaffney announced on social media Wednesday that he will transfer to Florida Atlantic University. Gaffney thanked the UConn staff and his teammates in his post. “First, I would like to thank the whole UConn staff for taking me in and giving me a chance to play for such a historic university and be a key part of rebuilding the men’s basketball program. I would also like to thank all my teammates over the past three years that mentored me, and were there for me through all the highs and lows.” He was grateful for the support from Husky fans.

“I would like to thank the UConn fanbase for supporting myself and the team during my time as a Husky.” Gaffney has two years of eligibility remaining. He was the backup point guard to R.J. Cole during the 2021-22 season, averaging four points and 1.5 assists. He struggled with his role throughout the season and played a career-low 12.8 minutes per game. This marks the third of four UConn transfers to find a new home. Former guard Corey Floyd Jr. transferred to Providence on Sunday. Earlier this month, guard Rahsool Diggins joined UMass. Forward Akok Akok hasn’t made a decision yet. Florida Atlantic finished 19-15, 11-7 in Conference USA, finishing fourth in the league.



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— Jalen Gaffney

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UP NEXT

Celtics: NBA Second Round vs. Bulls/Bucks (Game 1), date/time TBD; NBA Second Round vs. Bulls/Bucks (Game 2), date/time TBD; NBA Second Round at Bulls/Bucks (Game 13), date/time TBD
Bruins: Sabres, Thursday, 7 p.m.; at Maple Leafs, Friday, 7 p.m.; NHL First Round vs. TBD (Game 1), date/time TBD
Rangers: Capitals, Friday, 7 p.m.; NHL First Round vs. TBD (Game 1), date/time TBD
Red Sox: at Blue Jays, Thursday, 3 p.m.; at Orioles, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Orioles, Saturday, 7 p.m.
Yankees: Orioles, Thursday, 1 p.m.; at Royals, Friday, 8 p.m.; at Royals, Saturday, 7 p.m.
Mets: Phillies, Friday, 7 p.m.; Phillies, Saturday, 7 p.m.; Phillies, Sunday, 7 p.m.
Yard Goats: at Harrisburg (2), Thursday, 5:30 p.m.; at Harrisburg, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Harrisburg, Saturday, 6 p.m.
Hartford Athletic: at Indy Eleven, Saturday, 7 p.m.; Loudoun United, May 7, 7 p.m.; N.Y. Red Bulls II, May 14, 7 p.m.

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3 p.m.: Boston Red Sox at Toronto Blue Jays. (Live), NESN. Radio: 1080
7 p.m.: Alabama at South Carolina. (Live) SEC
7 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) MLB
8 p.m.: Texas A&M at Vanderbilt. (Live) ESPNU
BASKETBALL
7:30 p.m.: First Round: Teams TBA. (Live) TNT
10 p.m.: First Round: Teams TBA. (Live) TNT
GOLF
8 a.m.: DP World Tour Golf Catalunya Championship, First Round. (Live) GOLF
3:30 p.m.: Mexico Open at Vidanta, First Round. (Live) GOLF
6:30 p.m.: Palos Verdes Championship, First Round. (Live) GOLF
HOCKEY
9:30 a.m.: 2022 IIHF U-18 World Championship Quarterfinal: Teams TBA. (Live) NHL
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7 p.m.: Buffalo Sabres at Boston Bruins. (Live), NESN
8 p.m.: Calgary Flames at Minnesota Wild. (Live) NHL
9 p.m.: San Jose Sharks at Edmonton Oilers. (Live) SPRTNET
RUGBY
3:58 a.m.: NRL Rugby Gold Coast Titans vs Penrith Panthers. (Live) FSP
SOCCER
2:45 p.m.: Premier League Soccer Manchester United vs Chelsea. (Live) USA
3:50 p.m.: 2022 CONCACAF Women's U-17 Championship Haiti vs Guatemala. (Live) FSP
6:50 p.m.: 2022 CONCACAF Women's U-17 Championship Bermuda vs Dominican Republic. (Live) FSP
9 p.m.: 2022 CONCACAF Women's U-17 Championship Cuba vs El Salvador. (Same-day Tape) FSP
SOFTBALL
7 p.m.: Oklahoma State at Florida State. (Live) ESPN2

YANKEES LATE TUESDAY

Rizzo’s 3 HRs, Judge’s birthday bash power Yanks over Orioles

Associated Press

NEW YORK — After 9 ½ seasons at Wrigley Field, Anthony Rizzo is finding his new confines plenty friendly.
“I think he likes Yankee Stadium,” New York manager Aaron Boone said. “After tonight, I think it sealed it.”
Rizzo lofted a trio of homers into Yankee Stadium’s short right-field porch, Aaron Judge ended the longest home-run drought of his career as New York outslugged the Baltimore Orioles 12-8 Tuesday night.
Gleyber Torres tacked on a bases-loaded triple in the seventh, and the previously slumping Yankees followed Sunday’s 10-run outburst against Cleveland with another barrage, helping them win for the sixth time in seven games.
“Double digits, it’s great to see,” Boone said. “I think guys are just getting settled more.”
Rizzo floated his sixth, seventh and eighth homers for six RBI, Judge joined Lou Gehrig and Jerry Mumphrey as Yankees to homer on

Sox

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Toronto trailed 5-2 in the ninth before Tapia and Santiago Espinal opened the inning with back-to-back doubles off Jake Diekman.
Diekman struck out pinch-hitter Lourdes Gurriel Jr. and fanned Bradley Zimmer, but left after giving up Springer’s fourth home run this season.
“It couldn’t have come at a better time,” manager Charlie Montoyo said.
Diekman was frustrated after failing to lock down a win for his struggling team.
“Nick (Pivetta) pitched great, everyone pitched great, the hitters scored when they had to,” Diek-

man said. “I should be able to hold a three-run lead.”
Automatic runner Trevor Story advanced from second to third on Alex Verdugo’s groundout to begin the 10th. Xander Bogaerts followed with a line drive that struck Blue Jays closer Jordan Romano (1-1) in the leg, but the right-hander looked Story back to third before getting the out at first. Romano escaped the jam by striking out J.D. Martinez.
“Tough one tonight but you know we’re going to turn the page,” said Red Sox bench coach Will Venable, who has guided the team to one win in five games with manager Alex Cora sidelined by COVID-19.
The Red Sox overturned

their 30th birthdays and Gallo connected for the first time in 23 games, a slump dating to last season.
Rizzo’s homers averaged 350 feet, the shortest average distance in a three-homer game since Statcast began tracking in 2015, per MLB.
“He’s got huge power, he can pull to all fields,” Orioles manager Brandon Hyde said. “He’s smart. He took advantage of (the ballpark), all three pull-side homers here.”
Boone said he thought the famously short right field at Yankee Stadium fit Rizzo’s game well. Rizzo said he’s not considering it into his approach.
“I’m not worried about what park we’re playing in,” he said. “I just try to have my at-bat. I think that just comes with experience in the big leagues.”
Luis Severino (2-0) pitched a no-hitter into the sixth inning for New York before Jorge Mateo’s one-out single, and Anthony Santander followed a few batters later with a three-run homer that set off a homer-filled finish.

a 2-1 deficit against right-hander Yimi Garcia in the eighth. Pinch-hitter Rafael Devers led off with a single and advanced on a base hit by Christian Vázquez. Story tied it with an RBI double, and Verdugo put Boston in front with a sacrifice fly.
Bogaerts chased Garcia with an RBI double before Kiké Hernández made it 5-2 with an infield single off David Phelps.
Blue Jays right-hander Kevin Gausman allowed one unearned run and four hits in six innings. He walked none and matched his season high with nine strikeouts.
Red Sox starter Pivetta allowed two runs and three hits in 4 ⅓ innings. He walked four and struck out six.

METS

Frustration over hit batters builds

By Timothy Healey
Newsday

ST. LOUIS — In a 10-5 loss to the Cardinals on Wednesday, the Mets got mad — and it had nothing to do with the score.
The teams engaged in a benches-clearing shoving match during the bottom of the eighth inning, after Mets reliever Yoan Lopez threw up and in to Cardinals star Nolan Arenado, who responded by shouting and then taking steps toward the mound — the climax of frustrations that had built over the course of the series and, for the Mets, over the course of weeks as they have been hit by a major league-leading 19 pitches in 20 games.

“Getting domed up isn’t fun. It’s obviously not safe. It’s dangerous,” said Pete Alonso, who Tuesday night was hit in the head by a pitch for the second time this month. “There’s consequences, whether it’s on purpose or not. We’re going to stand up for ourselves. I’m totally for standing up. I’m not just for standing up for myself, I’m totally for standing up for teammates.”
And then he continued: “But what happened today didn’t make sense. The ball (to Arenado) wasn’t even close. It’s something that started for no reason. It wasn’t even close. I know it’s a five-run ballgame, but we’re trying to come back. The whole thing doesn’t

even make sense.”
As the dugouts emptied, Arenado tossed catcher Tomas Nido to the ground while trying to get to Lopez. A scrum formed and pushing ensued. No punches appeared to be thrown.
Among the chief participants for the Mets (14-6) was Alonso. Cardinals first-base coach Stubby Clapp and reliever Genesis Cabrera — who the half-inning prior hit J.D. Davis in the left foot with a pitch, causing him to leave the game — tackled Alonso to the ground.
Manager Buck Showalter said he was comfortable with how his club handled the situation.
“The umpires felt that way, too, with their two ejections,” he said, referring to Arenado and Clapp being the only people to get tossed. “I’ll let (the Cardinals) handle their players. I know our player got hit in the head and went to first base.”

Cardinals manager Oliver Marmol said: “When you come up top like that and jeopardize someone’s career and life, yeah, I take exception to that. I don’t think anyone in the big leagues appreciates getting thrown up top. Nolan has every right to react the way he did and go after him.”
Showalter and Lopez said Lopez’s pitch was not intentionally near Arenado’s head. Crew chief Mark Wegner, who umpired third base, agreed.

Draft

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NFL Combine, running the 40-yard dash in 4.92 seconds, exceptional for his size, with impressive agility in the vertical and broad jumps, the three-cone drill and 20-yard shuttle. Representatives from every NFL team came to UConn’s Pro Day in March, where Jones did more agility drills and some lifting.
Dennis Dottin-Carter, who coached the defensive line at UConn during Jones’ four years, saw it from Day 1.
“One of the things that struck me early on was how athletic he was,” said Dottin-Carter, now assistant head coach and co-defensive coordinator at Yale. “He was so light on his feet at such a huge size, it was shocking. I watched him turn corners and go around barrels we had set up, and he beat one of our skill [position] guys. At that point, I knew we had something special with him.”
Projections for Jones have been varied, mid-first round during March, leveling off since. ESPN analyst Mel Kiper has had Jones going as high as late first round, but now has him going in the mid-40s or early second round, possibly to the Browns at No. 44. He rates Jones as the third-best defensive tackle available.
“When you do the rankings for positions, I have Jordan Davis one, Devante Wyatt two, Travis Jones three,” Kiper said. “... Jones can swallow up double-teams and free up the linebackers behind him. The Browns don’t have much draft capital to grab impact players, but Jones is a



UConn’s Travis Jones could be a first- or second-round pick in the NFL draft, which starts Thursday. BUTCH DILL/AP

tremendous fit.”
UConn has had two first-round draft picks, Donald Brown in 2009 and Byron Jones in 2015. Scouts project Jones as a nose tackle in a three-lineman, four-linebacker alignment, but Dottin-Carter believes Jones can play multiple roles in any system.
“Travis always knew he wanted to play in the NFL,” said Dottin-Carter. “That was his goal and his motivation and that’s why he has turned himself into an NFL prospect, and it’s been outstanding to watch his growth. He was always coachable, he took the coaching really well and he’s talented enough that when he did it, he made it look the way you wanted it to look. He has never been and is never going to be a guy to back down from any challenge.”
Jones will be the first player from a Connecticut

high school or college to be picked, but there are other hopefuls who will be waiting for a phone call on Friday, during Rounds 2 and 3, or Saturday, during Rounds 3 through 7, or afterward for an offer to sign as an undrafted free agent. Here are some names to know:

Julius Chestnut, Sacred Heart

The running back from Sacred Heart has been one of the best players in FCS. Chestnut, 6 feet 1 and 215 pounds, has the size and power to go with his speed, the versatile type of player who could surprise at training camp. He averaged 127.7 all-purpose yards during his career, and his name is likely to pop up on draft boards Saturday.
Chestnut passed up an extra year of eligibility to declare for the draft in 2022, playing in the Hula Bowl and

NFL Players Association Bowls. At UConn’s Pro Day, he ran the 40 in just under 4.5, with a 34-inch vertical. He later worked out for the New York Giants and Baltimore Ravens.
“It’s something that every child who picks up a football thinks of,” Chestnut said for Sacred Heart’s website. “I always wanted to be like Jerome Bettis or LaDainian Tomlinson. I put the work in, and I belong here.”

Ryan Van Demark, UConn

At 6 feet 6 and 308 pounds, Van Demark has grown in size and stature during four seasons as a starter on UConn’s offensive line. He is 24 with 43 career starts and has played left tackle.
Van Demark, after a good Pro Day at UConn, has met with NFL teams, including the San Diego Chargers,

Arizona Cardinals and Indianapolis Colts, and could be a late pick or early signee.

Tyshaun James, CCSU

James, 6-3 and 210 from Middletown, has good positional size at wide receiver. He’s most likely to get a training camp opportunity as a undrafted free agent. James has the benefit of a lot of playing time in college, catching 112 passes for 1,841 yards, averaging 16.4 yards per reception. He played quarterback at Middletown High. James, like Chestnut, boosted his stock with a strong showing at UConn’s Pro Day.

Local names to watch

Southington’s Jay Rose finished his career as a UConn tight end with 27 catches. He’s an all-around football player and also a former quarterback. UConn runningback Kevin Mensah, linebacker Omar Fortt and Darien’s Brian Keating, a long-snapper, could get looks, too. ... Yale receivers Melvin Rouse and JJ Howland and defensive end Chris Sampleton are prospects. ... Cornerback Josh Jobe, who played a season at Cheshire Academy before going to Alabama, could be a late-round pick, so could offensive lineman Andrew Stueber from Darien High, who played at Michigan, or safety Brad Hawkins, who played a year at Suffield Academy before going to Michigan.

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COLLEGE WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Yale names Princeton assistant, former Florida star Eshe coach

Associated Press

NEW HAVEN — Dalila Eshe, who helped lead the Princeton women’s basketball team to the NCAA Tournament as an assistant coach, has been named head coach at Yale.
The former Florida star takes over the program from Allison Guth, who left after six seasons to become coach at Loyola Chicago.
Eshe spent three seasons at Princeton as an assistant and the recruiting coordina-

tor. The Tigers (25-5) won the Ivy League title this past season and upset Kentucky in the NCAA Tournament. She has no head coaching experience but has served on staffs at Loyola Maryland, East Carolina and La Salle.
Eshe was an all-conference player in 2006 at Florida and spent time in the WNBA with Seattle, Washington, and Atlanta. She also played professionally for nine years in Romania, Turkey, Russia, the Czech Republic, Ecuador, Taiwan

and Portugal.
Yale finished 16-11 this past season after winning 19 games in 2019-20. The 2020-21 season was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
“This program has been very successful over the last few years with the hard work of the student-athletes and the staff,” Eshe said in a statement. “I am so excited to lead this amazing group of young women. We will pride ourselves on putting in the work to win championships.”

YARD GOATS

Hartford hits 3 HRs in win over Harrisburg

Staff report

HARRISBURG, Pa. — The Hartford Yard Goats hit three home runs and went on to a 7-3 win over the Harrisburg Senators Wednesday afternoon at FNB Field.
Shortstop Ezequiel Tovar hit a go-ahead two-run homer in the third inning and catcher Willie MacIver followed with his sixth of the season as Hartford won the first game of a six-game series against the Washington Nationals affiliate.
Infielder Hunter Stovall hit his first Double-A

homer in the eighth inning, a liner into the left-field seats. Reliever Will Gaddis retired all five batters he faced to earn his first win.
The Yard Goats scored the first run of the game in the second inning on Aaron Shunk’s RBI grounder, which scored Jameson Hannah, who had doubled off Senators starter Ronald Herrera. Harrisburg scored twice in the bottom of the inning to take a 2-1 lead off Hartford starter Mitch Kilkenny.
The Yard Goats added three runs in the third inning to make it 4-2. Isaac Collins led off with a single

and Tovar followed with a long homer to left-center. Willie MacIver then homered as the Yard Goats hit back-to-back home runs for the second time this season.
Stovall hit a two-run homer in the eighth to make it 7-3. The Senators loaded the bases in the bottom of the inning, but Gavin Hollowell struck out Jacksson Flores to end the threat. Hollowell pitched the final 1 ⅓ innings to earn his second save.
The Yard Goats and Senators will play a double-header today at 5:30 p.m. at FNB Field.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Toronto	12	6	.667	—	—	7-3	W-2	6-2	6-4
New York	11	6	.647	½	—	7-3	W-4	8-3	3-3
Tampa Bay	9	8	.529	2 ½	1 ½	5-5	L-1	6-5	3-3
Boston	7	11	.389	5	4	3-7	L-4	3-4	4-7
Baltimore	6	11	.353	5 ½	4 ½	4-6	L-2	3-3	3-8

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	9	8	.529	—	—	6-4	W-5	6-4	3-4
Chicago	7	10	.412	2	3 ½	2-8	W-1	5-3	2-7
Cleveland	7	10	.412	2	3 ½	3-7	L-5	3-3	4-7
Detroit	6	10	.375	2 ½	4	4-6	L-3	4-8	2-2
Kansas City	6	10	.375	2 ½	4	4-6	L-1	5-5	1-5

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Seattle	11	6	.647	—	—	8-2	W-4	7-2	4-4
Los Angeles	11	7	.611	½	—	7-3	W-3	6-5	5-2
Oakland	9	9	.500	2 ½	2	5-5	L-1	4-3	5-6
Houston	8	9	.471	3	2 ½	4-6	W-1	2-4	6-5
Texas	6	11	.353	5	4 ½	4-6	L-1	2-6	4-5

BOX SCORES

CHI. WHITE SOX 7, KANSAS CITY 3

Kansas City	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Lopez ss	2	1	0	0	1	.271
Merrifield 2b	4	0	1	0	2	.136
Benintendi lf	4	0	0	1	0	.379
Perez c	4	0	0	0	3	.217
Santana dh	2	0	0	0	1	.109
Dozier 1b	4	0	0	0	3	.241
Witt Jr. 3b	4	1	1	0	1	.206
Olivares rf	4	1	1	0	1	.154
Taylor cf	3	0	0	0	2	.190
TOTALS	30	3	4	3	13	
White Sox	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Anderson ss	3	2	2	0	0	.309
Vaughn lf	4	1	2	4	0	.298
Sheets rf	3	0	0	0	1	.250
Pollock rf	0	0	0	0	0	.111
Abreu 1b	4	0	0	0	2	.203
Grandal dh	3	1	1	0	0	.163
1-Garcia pr-dh	0	1	0	0	0	.098
Burger 3b	4	1	3	1	0	.185
McGuire c	3	0	0	1	1	.279
Engel cf	4	0	0	0	2	.188
Mendick 2b	5	1	1	0	1	.250
TOTALS	31	7	9	6	7	

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1-run for Grandal in the 8th.
E: Witt Jr. (2). **LOB:** Kansas City 6, Chicago 4. **2B:** Burger (2), Vaughn (3). **R:** Burger (2), off Greinke; Vaughn (4), off Barlow. **RBIs:** Merrifield 2 (4), Benintendi (8), McGuire (1), Vaughn 4 (12), Burger (5). **SB:** Witt Jr. (3). **SF:** Merrifield; McGuire. **Runners left in scoring position:** Kansas City 3 (Benintendi, Dozier 2); Chicago 3 (Grandal, Mendick, Abreu). **RISP:** Kansas City 2 for 5; Chicago 1 for 8. **Runners moved up:** Sheets 2, McGuire. **GIDP:** McGuire. **DP:** Kansas City 1 (Merrifield, Lopez, Dozier).

KANSAS CITY IP H R ER BB SO ERA

Greinke	5	6	3	3	4	2.86
Snider, L, 2-1	½	2	2	2	0	3.68
Barlow	½	1	1	1	1	2.16
Brentz	1	1	1	1	1	1.688

WHITE SOX IP H R ER BB SO ERA

Cease	6	3	2	2	3	9
Ruiz, H, 5	½	1	1	1	1	0
Sousa, W, 1-0	½	0	0	0	0	5.14
Grovesman, S, 1-2	2	1	0	0	4	1.274
Inherited runners-scored:	Barlow 2-2, Sousa 2-1. IBB: off Cease (Santana).					
HPB: Greinke (Anderson), Sousa (Lopez). WP: Cease (2).						
Umpires: Home, Rob Drake; First, Will Little; Second, Greg Gibson; Third, Nick Mahrley. T: 2:42. A: 12,363 (40,615).						

LATE TUESDAY: KANSAS CITY 6, CHI WHITE SOX 0

Kansas City	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Merrifield rf-2b4	1	0	0	2	127	
Benintendi lf	5	1	2	1	0	.389
Perez c	4	1	0	0	1	.232
Santana 1b	4	1	1	2	0	.114
Dozier dh	3	0	0	0	0	.259
Witt Jr. 3b	5	1	2	1	0	.203
Mondesi ss	2	0	1	1	0	.140
1-Olivares pr-rf1	1	0	0	0	0	.111
Taylor cf	2	0	1	1	0	.206
Lopez 2b-ss	2	0	0	0	0	.283
TOTALS	32	6	6	3	6	
White Sox	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Anderson ss	4	0	0	0	2	.288
Vaughn lf	3	0	0	0	0	.279
Abreu 1b	4	0	1	0	0	.152
Grandal c	2	0	0	0	1	.152
McGuire c	1	0	0	0	0	.208
Pollock rf	4	0	0	0	2	.211
Burger 3b	4	0	2	0	1	.231
Harrison dh	3	0	0	0	1	.097
Engel cf	4	0	1	0	1	.214
Mendick 2b	3	0	0	0	1	.235
TOTALS	32	0	5	0	10	

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1-run for Mondesi in the 6th. E: Abreu (2), Anderson (7). **LOB:** Kansas City 11, Chicago 8. **2B:** Witt Jr. (4), Grandal (2). **RBIs:** Witt Jr. (5), Mondesi (3), Taylor (4), Benintendi (7), Santana 2(5). **SF:** Taylor. **Runners left in scoring position:** Kansas City 6 (Witt Jr. 2, Merrifield 2, Taylor 2); Chicago 2 (Harrison, Anderson). **RISP:** Kansas City 3 for 11; Chicago 0 for 5. **Runners moved up:** Dozier, Mondesi, Santana. **GIDP:** Taylor, Dozier. **DP:** Chicago 2 (Burger, Mendick, Abreu; Anderson, Mendick, Abreu).

KANSAS CITY IP H R ER BB SO ERA

Lynch, W, 2-1	6	2	0	0	2	7
Clarke	1	2	0	0	0	1.129
Singer	2	1	0	0	0	2.635

WHITE SOX IP H R ER BB SO ERA

Keuchel, L, 1-2	4	2	2	0	5	2
Lopez	½	2	3	3	1	0
Crick	½	1	1	3	0	6.00
Foster	4	2	1	1	0	1.408
Severino	1	0	0	0	1	0.643
Inherited runners-scored:	Lopez 1-0, Crick 2-2. HPB: Lynch (Harrison). WP: Keuchel, Lopez.					
Umpires: HP, Nick Mahrley; 2B, Rob Drake; 3B, Will Little; 3B, Greg Gibson. T: 3:20. A: 12,031 (40,615).						

LATE TUESDAY: MIAMI 5, WASHINGTON 2

Miami	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Chisholm Jr. 2b5	0	1	0	1	0	.286
Aguiar lf	3	0	0	0	2	.204
Soler lf	5	0	1	0	2	.190
De La Cruz lf	0	0	0	0	0	.333
Sanchez cf	4	1	0	0	1	.290
Garcia rf	4	0	1	0	1	.192
Cooper dh	4	2	2	0	1	.362
Wendle ss	3	2	2	3	1	.292
Anderson 3b	4	2	1	1	0	.491
Stallings c	4	0	1	2	0	.178
TOTALS	36	5	9	5	11	
Washington	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
C.Hernandez 2b4	0	1	0	0	0	.247
Soto rf	2	2	1	0	1	.250
Cruz dh	4	0	1	0	1	.174
Bell 1b	3	0	1	1	1	.345
Y.Hernandez lf	4	0	1	1	1	.224
Ruiz c	4	0	2	0	0	.281
Francisco 3b	3	0	1	0	0	.265
Escobar ss	4	0	0	0	1	.123
Robles cf	3	0	0	0	0	.140
TOTALS	31	2	8	2	5	

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E: Ruiz (2). **LOB:** Miami 8, Washington 6. **2B:** Anderson (3), Cooper (3), Soler (4), Soto (4). **HR:** Wendle (1), off Gray. **RBIs:** Wendle 3 (Soto, Bell, Robles). **Y.Hernandez** (7), Bell (13). **SB:** Soto (1), Garcia (2), C.Hernandez (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Miami 5 (Cooper 2, Anderson, Chisholm Jr. 2); Washington 3 (Soto, Bell, Robles). **RISP:** Miami 2for 12; Washington 4for 9. **Runners moved up:** Escobar, Cruz. **GIDP:** Franco, Bell. **DP:** Miami 2 (Wendle, Chisholm Jr., Aguiar; Chisholm Jr., Aguiar).

MIAMI IP H R ER BB SO ERA

Alcantara, W, 2-0	6	6	1	1	3	
Sutser, H, 4	1	0	0	0	0	1.78
Blier	½	0	0	0	0	6.75
Arano	1	1	0	0	1	0.80
Machado	1	1	0	0	0	2.89
Ramirez	1	0	0	0	1	0.00

WASHINGTON IP H R ER BB SO ERA

Gray, L, 2-2	5½	7	4	4	3	
Voth	½	0	0	0	0	6.75
Arano	1	1	0	0	1	0.80
Machado	1	1	0	0	0	2.89
Ramirez	1	0	0	0	1	0.00

INHERITED RUNNERS-SCORED: Voth 2-0.

Umpires: Home, Bill Welke; First, Gabe Morales; Second, Chris Segal; Third, Dan Merzel. T: 3:13. A: 12,613 (41,339).

ST. LOUIS 10, N.Y. METS 5

NY Mets	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Nimmo cf	5	0	1	2	1	.268
Marte rf	4	1	0	0	1	.237
Lindor ss	4	0	1	1	1	.273
Alonso 1b	3	1	1	0	0	.260
Escobar dh	4	1	2	0	2	.269
Canha lf	4	0	2	0	0	.333
Davis 3b	3	0	0	0	2	.231
1-McNeil pr-2b	0	0	0	0	0	.328
Guillorme 2b-3b4	1	2	0	0	0	.259
Nido c	3	1	2	2	1	.214
d-Do.Smith ph	1	0	0	0	1	.182
TOTALS	35	5	11	5	9	
St. Louis	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Edman 2b	5	3	3	1	1	.310
Goldschmidt 1b5	1	2	1	1	1	.269
O'Neill lf	4	2	0	0	2	.186
Arenado dh	3	1	3	3	0	.375
b-Knizner ph-dh1	0	0	0	0	1	.259
Dickerson rf	3	1	2	2	0	.200
a-Pujols ph	1	0	0	0	1	.259
Bader cf	1	0	1	0	0	.226
Carlson cf-rf	3	0	2	2	0	.215
c-Donovan pr-rf1	0	0	0	0	0	.000
DeJong ss	5	0	0	0	2	.133
Molina c	4	1	1	0	0	.167
Sosa 3b	3	1	1	0	1	.211
TOTALS	39	10	15	9	9	

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a-pinch hit for Dickerson in the 6th. b- for Arenado in the 8th. c-lined out for Carlson in the 8th. d-struck out for Nido in the 9th. 1-run for Davis in the 8th. E: Lindor (3). **LOB:** New York 6, St. Louis 9. **2B:** Lindor (1), Nimmo (3), Guillorme (2), Nido (5), Escobar (8), Molina (1), Edman (2), Arenado (6), Bader (4), 3B: Carlson (1). **RBIs:** Nido 2 (4), Nimmo 2(7), Lindor (13), Dickerson 2(6), Arenado 3(17), Edman (9), Carlson 2(4), Goldschmidt (6). **SB:** O'Neill (3), Edman (4). **Runners left in scoring position:** New York 3 (Lindor, Alonso, Guillorme); St. Louis 5 (Carlson, DeJong 4). **RISP:** New York 3for 11; St. Louis 8for 18. **Runners moved up:** Canha, O'Neill. **GIDP:** Guillorme. **DP:** St. Louis 1 (DeJong, Edman, Goldschmidt).

NY METS IP H R ER BB SO ERA

Carrasco, L, 1-1	3½	8	8	7	2	
Reid-Foley	½	2	1	1	1	5.00
Shreve	½	1	0	0	0	2.35
Lopez	2	4	1	1	0	3.450

ST. LOUIS IP H R ER BB SO ERA

Matz	4	6	4	4	2	
Woodford, W, 1-0	2	3	1	1	0	2.150
Lopez	2	4	1	0	0	2.16
Helsley	1	0	0	0	1	0.00
Inherited runners-scored:	Reid-Foley 2-2, Shreve 1-0, Cabrera 1-1. IBB: off Carrasco (Arenado). HPB: Carrasco (Sosa), Cabrera (Davis). WP: Carrasco, Matz. Umpires: Home, Jeremie Rehak; First, Charlie Ramos; Second, Alan Porter; Third, Mark Wegner. T: 3:29. A: 34,822 (45,494).					

LATE TUESDAY: ATLANTA 3, CHI. CUBS 1

Chi Cubs	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Hermosillo cf	2	0	0	0	1	.105
Suzuki rf	4	0	0	0	2	.327
Wisdom 3b	3	0	0	0	0	.235
a-Villar ph	1	0	0	0	1	.333
Contreras c	4	0	1	0	0	.255
Schwindel 1b	4	0	1	0	2	.242
Gomes dh	3	0	0	0	0	.227
Madrigal 2b	3	0	0	0	0	.200
Happ lf	3	1	1	1	0	.333
Hoerner ss	3	0	1	0	0	.327
TOTALS	30	1	4	1	6	

NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Nadal in, Swiatek out of Madrid Open



Rafael Nadal will play the Madrid Open after recovering from a rib injury that sidelined him for a month, the Spaniard said Tuesday. Nadal had been recovering from a stress fracture he sustained while playing at Indian Wells in March. His loss to American Taylor Fritz in the final of that tournament ended a run of 20 consecutive wins for Nadal, including a record 21st Grand Slam title when he won the Australian Open. Nadal missed tournaments in Miami, Monte Carlo and Barcelona because of the injury. “Despite arriving with minimum preparation and (knowing) it will be difficult, I’m very excited to play in front of a home crowd, even with few chances (to win),” Nadal, above, wrote on Twitter. “I will ... do the best I can.” Nadal, 35, has won five times in Madrid, but not since 2017. The tournament starts Sunday. While Nadal will be in Madrid, the world’s top-ranked woman, Iga Swiatek, will not. Swiatek, who has won four straight titles, withdrew because of a sore arm. “I need a break from playing so intensively in order to treat my arm well,” the 20-year-old Polish player wrote on Twitter.

Manning sets up special scholarship



Peyton Manning has set up a scholarship at Georgia Tech honoring former teammate Demaryius Thomas. Thomas died in December from an apparent seizure at his suburban Atlanta home. He was 33. The PeyBack Foundation, a charitable organization set up by Manning and his wife Ashley, announced Wednesday that it will fund academic scholarships in the receiver’s name at his alma mater. The financial aid will be available to incoming freshmen from Laurens County, the central Georgia community where Thomas was born and raised, or surrounding areas. “Demaryius Thomas was an incredibly talented and unselfish teammate, but more importantly, he was a special person and friend,” Manning said in a statement. “My family and I miss him dearly, and we wanted to honor D.T.’s memory.” Thomas starred at Georgia Tech from 2006-09 and was a first-round pick of the Broncos. After the team signed Manning, it reached two Super Bowls and won it all after the 2015 season. Thomas, a four-time Pro Bowler, finished his career with 724 receptions for 9,763 yards and 63 TDs.

Another ban on the way for Baffert?



A retired New York State Supreme Court Justice recommended a two-year suspension Wednesday for Bob Baffert for repeated medication violations after the two-time Triple Crown-winning trainer’s hearing with the New York Racing Association. The 50-page ruling by hearing officer O. Peter Sherwood isn’t a final decision. Baffert’s camp and NYRA each have 14 days to offer rebuttals before a three-person panel rules on his status. Last year, Baffert successfully sued in federal court to get his initial suspension in the state of New York lifted. That suspension in May came after Kentucky Derby winner Medina Spirit tested positive for a substance that wasn’t permitted in a horse’s system on race day. Churchill Downs suspended Baffert for two years, leaving him unable to enter horses in the Kentucky Derby this year and next. Baffert is fighting that ban in federal court. The 69-year-old Hall of Famer on April 3 began serving a 90-day suspension imposed by the state of Kentucky for medication violations. The suspension will be honored in all 38 states where horse racing occurs. —AP



Former UConn star Katie Lou Samuelson (33) of the Storm passes under pressure from Liz Cambage (8) of the Aces on June 27 at Michelob ULTRA Arena in Las Vegas. **ETHAN MILLER/GETTY**

UConn

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Bria Hartley

Hartley enters her ninth season in the WNBA as one of the most experienced players on a very young Indiana Fever team. As of Thursday morning, the franchise had seven rookies and five other players with three seasons or less under their belt. Though she is new to the franchise and played sparingly over the last two seasons due to a knee injury, Hartley will likely be looked to as one of the leaders for her squad on and off the floor.

Tiffany Hayes

Hayes was one of the best 3-point shooters in the WNBA last season. She made 40.5% of her attempts from beyond the arc, just one of five players in the league to shoot at least 40% from long range, while averaging 14.7 points, 3.2 rebounds, 3.0 assists and 1.6 steals per game. Hayes, a 5-foot-10 guard, will look to build upon that campaign under new Atlanta Dream coach Tanisha Wright.

Moriah Jefferson

Jefferson enters her third season with the Dallas Wings and her sixth overall in the league (she missed 2019 with a knee injury, which also nagged her throughout 2020). The 5-6 guard shot an impressive 46% from 3-point range last season, which marked a career high; continuing that accuracy from long range could set her apart in 2022.

Olivia Nelson-Ododa

After being selected 19th overall by the Los Angeles Sparks in this year’s draft, Nelson-Ododa turned heads with a dominant performance in her first preseason game. The 6-5 forward/center recorded 15 points, 12 rebounds, five assists and two blocks against the Sparks. It’s hard to gauge much from preseason contests, but if that showing was any indication, Nelson-Ododa could be a sleeper of this rookie class.

Kia Nurse

Nurse won’t be active for the start of the season, as she is in the process of rehabbing a torn ACL she suffered during the WNBA Finals in October. Earlier this month, new Phoenix

Mercury coach Vanessa Nygaard said Nurse is progressing well. While she didn’t have an exact target date, she made it clear she won’t bring back Nurse until she is ready, Nygaard was hopeful to have the 6-foot guard back around midseason.

Katie Lou Samuelson

Samuelson enters the 2022 season with the Sparks, her fourth team in as many years after being traded from the Seattle Storm in exchange for fellow former UConn star Gabby Williams and the No. 9 pick in the 2022 draft. Samuelson had the best statistical year of her career across the board with the Storm in 2021, averaging 7.0 points, 3.5 rebounds and 1.7 assists per game while shooting 45.6% from the field and 35.1% from deep.

Azurá Stevens

Stevens is back fully healthy for the start of the 2022 season. She began 2021 on a minutes restriction after suffering a knee injury the season prior but went on to average 9.8 points and 6.9 rebounds in the playoffs as the Sky won the title. Stevens, a 6-6 forward/center, recently participated in a Team USA camp in Minneapolis, which should give her confidence entering this season as well.

Breanna Stewart

There were rumors during the offseason that Stewart was going to sign with the Liberty, but she instead agreed to a one-year deal to return to the Storm. Stewart has been one of the most dominant players in the league since she was drafted and that should only continue this season after she averaged 20.3 points, 9.5 rebounds and 2.7 assists in 2021. The 6-4 forward was easing her way back into training camp after undergoing a minor preventative Achilles procedure last October but will be ready for the start of the season.

Kiah Stokes

Stokes enters her first full season with the Las Vegas Aces after splitting time last year on the Liberty. She was waived by the Liberty in June 2021 but established a role for herself with her tough style of play in Las Vegas while averaging 1.5 points and 5.4 rebounds in 18.5 minutes per game. Stokes re-signed this past February and now will play under new coach Becky Hammon.

Diana Taurasi

Taurasi is hungry to add a fourth WNBA championship to her belt after coming up just shy last season when the Mercury fell to the Sky in the finals. Taurasi talked in the preseason about how she has had to adjust her daily life to keep playing at age 39. There haven’t been too many signs of aging yet though; she still produced at a very high level during a 2021 campaign in which she averaged 15.2 points, 4.9 assists and 4.4 rebounds per game.

Megan Walker

Walker is with the Dream this season, her third team in as many years since entering the WNBA. The 6-1 forward averaged 4.5 points and 1.3 rebounds in 14.7 minutes per game off the bench for the Mercury last year. Now she’ll be tasked with carving out a new role for herself in Atlanta.

Evina Westbrook

Westbrook was drafted 21st overall by the Storm in this year’s draft, putting her in a locker room with plenty of other former UConn stars to help with her transition to the pros. On a loaded roster, it’s unclear how much of a role Westbrook will have in her first season, but her versatility at the guard position should give her a shot to have an impact off the bench.

Christyn Williams

Christyn Williams was the first Husky off the board in the 2022 draft, but she won’t be playing this season. Williams suffered a season-ending injury in training camp with the Washington Mystics. The organization removed Williams from the training camp roster online, but coach Mike Thibault said in the announcement of her injury that Williams remains part of the Mystics family and has their full support.

Gabby Williams

Gabby Williams makes her return to the WNBA after a controversial suspension kept her out of the 2021 season. She has sent shockwaves overseas since her departure from the league, leading France to a bronze medal at the Olympics and earning EuroLeague Final Four MVP honors earlier this month. Now with a pack of Huskies on the Storm, Williams is ready to reintroduce herself to the league in her true position on the wing.

NFL DRAFT INSIDE THE NUMBERS

Early on, expect few skill players

By Josh Dubow | Associated Press

This year’s NFL draft has the chance to be unlike any other in recent years with a possible long wait before any of the players who throw, catch or run with the ball coming off the board.

With no sure-fire quarterback prospects in the draft and several good-but-not-elite receiving prospects, the offensive linemen and defensive players should dominate the early picks with the top skill position player on The Athletic’s composite big board of 70 draft analysts being Ohio State receiver Garrett Wilson at No. 10.

There has never been a draft that didn’t have a quarterback, receiver, running back or tight end taken in the top 10 picks in the history of the NFL, with a player from those positions going in the top five in all but one of the last 24 drafts.

The only year in that span where it didn’t happen came in 2013 when four offensive linemen led by tackles Eric Fisher and Luke Joeckel went in the top seven and the first skill position player taken was receiver Tavon Austin at No. 8 by the Rams.

The only other times in the common draft era starting in 1967 that a skill position player didn’t go in the top five were 1997 (Ike Hilliard, seventh), 1991 (Herman Moore, 10th), 1988 (Tim Brown, sixth), 1985 (Al Toon, 10th) and 1968 (Larry Csonka, eighth).

Quarterbacks have dominated the top of the draft in recent years with the last four No. 1 picks playing the position and at least two QBs going in the top six in each of those seasons.

The only time in the last 21 drafts that a QB didn’t go in the top three came in 2013 when E.J. Manuel was the first taken at No. 16 by the Bills. That was one of 11 times in the common draft era that no QB went in the top 10.

Three of those drafts featured star QBs taken after Round 1 with Hall of Famers Ken Stabler and Brett Favre going in the second round in 1968 and 1991, and seven-time Super Bowl champion Tom Brady going in the sixth round in 2000.

This also could be a year without a running back going in the first round — something that has happened only once in the common draft era when Bishop Sankey was the first back taken at 54th overall by the Titans in 2014.

While it remains to be seen how high the top receiver goes, several are expected to be taken in round one. The record for receivers in the first round is seven in 2004 with seven other years having six taken, most recently in 2000.

Breaking down No. 1

The betting odds have Georgia defensive end Travon Walker and Michigan defensive end Aidan Hutchinson as the favorites to be taken No. 1 overall by the Jaguars.

That would mark the 12th time a defensive end was taken first in the common draft era starting in 1967, second only to the 26 QBs.

There have been four defensive ends to go first since 2000 with the Browns taking Courtney Brown in 2000 and Myles Garrett in 2017, and the Texans taking Mario Williams in 2006 and Jadeveon Clowney in 2014.

After QBs and defensive ends, the most popular positions for No. 1 picks are running backs (seven), tackles (four), defensive tackles (three), linebackers (two) and receivers (two). No secondary players or tight ends have been picked first.

College rankings

Since the start of the common draft era, Ohio State and Southern California have produced the most top 10 picks with 72 apiece. That tie could be broken if one of the three star receivers from the two schools goes in the top 10 with the Buckeyes’ Wilson and Chris Olave, and the Trojans’ Drake London possibilities.

Georgia has a shot at some other records when it comes to colleges and the draft with seven players mentioned as possibilities in the first round. The contenders for the Bulldogs are defensive linemen Walker, Jordan Davis and Devonte Wyatt; linebackers Nakobe Dean and Quay Walker; receiver George Pickens; and safety Lewis Cine.

The record for first-rounders from a school in a single draft is six held by Miami (2004) and Alabama (2021). With Walker, Davis and Wyatt the most likely to go in round one. The Bulldogs should join Clemson from 2019 as the only schools with three defensive linemen to go in the first round. The Tigers had Clelin Ferrell, Christian Wilkins and Dexter Lawrence go that year.

If LSU corner Derek Stingley Jr. cracks the top 10, the Tigers will join Texas and Ohio State as the only colleges with five top 10 defensive backs in the common draft era.

Trading post

Teams have given up first-round picks at a record pace with the eight teams without a pick in the opening round the most in the common draft era. The previous record was seven, done in 1973, 2000, 2019 and 2020.

The eight teams with multiple picks in round one is also a record, topping the six most recently done in 2020.

In all, 20 picks in the first two rounds have already changed hands through trades with more possibilities to come during the draft.

SCOREBOARD

NBA

PLAYOFF SCHEDULE
EAST FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
#1 Miami 4, #8 Atlanta 1
April 17: Miami 115-91
April 19: Miami 115-105
April 22: Atlanta 111-110
April 24: Miami 110-86
April 26: Miami 97-94
#2 Boston 4, #7 Brooklyn 0
April 17: Boston 115-114
April 20: Boston 114-107
April 23: Boston 109-103
April 25: Boston 116-112

#3 Milwaukee 3, #6 Chicago 1
April 17: Milwaukee 93-86
April 20: Chicago 114-109
April 22: Milwaukee 111-81
April 24: Milwaukee 119-95.
Wednesday: at Milwaukee, late
x-Friday: at Chicago, TBD
x-Sunday: at Milwaukee, TBD
#4 Philadelphia 3, #5 Toronto 2
April 16: Philadelphia 131-111
April 18: Philadelphia 112-97
April 20: Philadelphia 104-101 (OT)
April 23: Toronto 110-102
April 25: Toronto 103-88
Thursday: at Toronto, 7 p.m.
x-Saturday: at Philadelphia, TBD

WEST FIRST ROUND
#1 Phoenix 3, #8 New Orleans 2
April 17: Phoenix 110-99
April 19: New Orleans 125-114
April 22: Phoenix 114-111
April 24: New Orleans 118-103
April 26: Phoenix 112-97
Thursday: at New Orleans, 7:30 p.m.
x-Saturday: at Phoenix, TBD

#2 Memphis 3, #7 Minnesota 2
April 16: Minnesota 130-117
April 19: Memphis 124-96
April 21: Memphis 104-95
April 23: Minnesota 119-118
April 26: Memphis 111-109
Friday: at Minnesota, TBD
x-Sunday: at Memphis, TBD

#3 Golden State 3, #6 Denver 1
April 16: Golden State 123-107
April 18: Golden State 126-106
April 21: Golden State 118-113
April 24: Denver 126-121
Wednesday: at Golden State, late
x-Friday: at Denver, 10:30 p.m.
x-Sunday: at Golden State, TBD

#4 Dallas 3, #5 Utah 2
April 16: Utah 99-93
April 18: Dallas 110-104
April 21: Dallas 126-118
April 23: Utah 100-99
April 25: Dallas 102-77
Thursday: at Utah, 10 p.m.
x-Saturday: at Dallas, TBD

CAREER PLAYOFF STEALS				
PLAYER	STL	GP	PF	
LeBron James	454	266	616	
Scottie Pippen	395	208	686	
Michael Jordan	376	179	541	
Magic Johnson	358	190	524	
John Stockton	338	182	539	
Kobe Bryant	310	220	660	
Jason Kidd	302	158	348	
through Tuesday				

SOCCER

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER						
EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Philadelphia	5	1	2	17	12	5
N.Y. Red Bulls	4	2	2	14	13	6
Orlando City	4	3	2	14	10	10
Atlanta	3	3	2	11	10	11
Toronto FC	3	3	2	11	15	17
CF Montréal	3	3	2	11	14	17
New York City FC	3	3	1	10	16	10
Charlotte FC	3	5	1	10	8	11
Inter Miami CF	3	4	1	10	9	16
Chicago	2	2	4	10	5	5
D.C. United	3	4	0	9	10	10
Columbus	2	3	3	9	10	9
New England	2	5	1	7	12	16
Cincinnati	2	5	1	7	9	16
WESTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Los Angeles FC	6	1	1	19	19	8
Austin FC	5	1	2	17	20	7
LA Galaxy	5	2	1	16	10	6
FC Dallas	4	1	3	15	12	5
Minnesota United	4	2	2	14	11	6
Real Salt Lake	3	2	4	13	9	13
Houston	3	2	3	12	11	9
Nashville	3	3	2	11	8	9
Portland	2	2	5	11	10	13
Colorado	2	3	3	9	11	11
Seattle	2	4	1	7	9	11
Sporting KC	2	6	1	7	6	14
San Jose	1	4	3	6	15	20
Vancouver	1	6	1	4	6	17
Three points for win, one point for tie.						

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Austin FC at Houston, 1:30p.m.
Cincinnati at Toronto FC, 3p.m.
LA Galaxy at Real Salt Lake, 3:30p.m.
Atlanta at CF Montréal, 4p.m.
Miami at New England, 7:30p.m.
Charlotte FC at Orlando City, 7:30p.m.
D.C. United at Columbus, 7:30p.m.
N.Y. Red Bulls at Chicago, 8p.m.
FC Dallas at Sporting KC, 8:30p.m.
Portland at Colorado, 9p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
San Jose at New York City FC, 1p.m.
Philadelphia at Nashville, 4p.m.
Minnesota at Los Angeles FC, 10p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4
Toronto FC at Cincinnati, 7:30p.m.

NWSL CHALLENGE CUP
WEDNESDAY, MAY 4 SEMIFINALS
OL Reign (4-0-2) vs. Washington (2-0-4), 8p.m., Segra Field, Leesburg, Va., 8p.m.
North Carolina (3-0-3) vs. Kansas City (4-1-1), Children's Mercy Park, Kansas City, Kan., 10p.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP, MAY 7
Semifinals winners, 1 p.m.

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE						
CLUB	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA
Man City	33	25	5	3	80	21
Liverpool	33	24	7	2	85	22
Chelsea	32	19	8	5	67	27
Arsenal	33	19	3	11	52	40
Tottenham	33	18	4	11	56	38
Man United	34	15	9	10	53	51
West Ham	34	15	7	12	52	44
Wolverhampton	33	15	4	14	33	29
Newcastle	34	11	10	13	40	55
Leicester	32	11	9	12	47	51
Brighton	34	9	14	11	31	42
Brentford	34	11	7	16	41	49
Southampton	34	9	13	12	40	56
Crystal Palace	33	8	14	11	43	38
Aston Villa	32	11	4	17	42	37
Leeds	33	8	10	15	38	64
Burnley	33	6	13	14	29	45
Everton	32	8	5	19	34	55
Watford	33	6	4	23	31	67
Norwich	33	5	6	22	22	69

THURSDAY'S MATCH
Man United vs. Chelsea, 2:45p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Newcastle vs. Liverpool, 7:30a.m.
Aston Villa vs. Norwich, 10a.m.
Southampton vs. Crystal Palace, 10a.m.
Watford vs. Burnley, 10a.m.
Wolverhampton vs. Brighton, 10a.m.
Leeds vs. Man City, 12:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Everton vs. Chelsea, 9a.m.
Tottenham vs. Leicester, 9a.m.
West Ham vs. Arsenal, 11:30a.m.

MONDAY'S MATCH
Man United vs. Brentford, 3p.m.

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
SEMIFINAL PHASE
Wednesday's First leg
Liverpool 2, Villarreal 0
Tuesday's first leg
Manchester City 4, Real Madrid 3

Second leg, May 3
Liverpool vs. Villarreal, 3 p.m.
Second leg, May 4
Manchester City vs. Real Madrid, 3 p.m.
Man United vs. Chelsea, 2:45p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE												
ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA					
z-Florida	80	57	17	6	120	334	236					
x-Toronto	81	53	21	7	113	310	251					
x-Tampa Bay	80	50	22	8	108	279	224					
x-Boston	80	50	25	5	105	248	215					
Buffalo	80	31	38	11	73	229	283					
Detroit	81	31	40	10	72	225	309					
Ottawa	80	32	41	7	71	223	260					
Montreal	80	20	49	11	51	207	314					
METRO.	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA					
y-Carolina	81	53	20	8	114	272	199					
x-N.Y. Rangers	80	51	23	6	108	248	201					
x-Pittsburgh	81	45	25	11	101	267	226					
x-Washington	80	44	24	12	100	272	237					
N.Y. Islanders	80	36	34	10	82	222	230					
Columbus	80	36	37	7	79	254	293					
New Jersey	80	27	44	9	63	242	296					
Philadelphia	80	25	44	11	61	209	290					

WESTERN CONFERENCE												
CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA					
z-Colorado	80	56	18	6	118	307	225					
x-Minnesota	80	51	22	7	109	303	250					
x-St. Louis	81	49	21	11	109	307	235					
x-Nashville	80	44	29	7	95	257	243					
Dallas	80	45	30	5	95	231	240					
Winnipeg	79	36	32	11	83	241	253					
Chicago	80	27	42	11	65	213	285					
Arizona	80	23	50	7	53	198	306					
PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA					
y-Calgary	80	50	20	10	110	290	202					
x-Edmonton	80	47	27	6	100	282	246					
x-Los Angeles	80	43	27	10	96	232	230					
Vegas	80	42	31	7	91	256	240					
Vancouver	80	39	30	11	89	244	231					
Anaheim	80	32	36	12	76	210	256					
San Jose	81	31	36	14	76	230	267					
Seattle	79	26	47	6	58	207	276					

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.
x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division
z-clinched conference

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Montreal at N.Y. Rangers, late
Philadelphia at Winnipeg, late
Arizona at Dallas, late
Vegas at Chicago, late
Los Angeles at Seattle, late

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Buffalo at Boston, 7p.m.
Florida at Ottawa, 7p.m.
New Jersey at Carolina, 7p.m.
Tampa Bay at Columbus, 7p.m.
Washington at N.Y. Islanders, 7p.m.
Calgary at Minnesota, 8p.m.
Nashville at Colorado, 9p.m.
San Jose at Edmonton, 9p.m.
Los Angeles at Vancouver, 10p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Boston at Toronto, 7p.m.
Chicago at Buffalo, 7p.m.
Columbus at Pittsburgh, 7p.m.
Detroit at New Jersey, 7p.m.
Florida at Montreal, 7p.m.
Ottawa at Philadelphia, 7p.m.
Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 7p.m.
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30p.m.
Calgary at Winnipeg, 8p.m.
Colorado at Minnesota, 8p.m.
Vegas at St. Louis, 8p.m.
Anaheim at Dallas, 8:30p.m.
Vancouver at Edmonton, 9p.m.
San Jose at Seattle, 10p.m.
Nashville at Arizona, 10:30p.m.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS				
Tampa Bay 4, Columbus 1				
Toronto 3, Detroit 0				
N.Y. Islanders 4, Washington 1				
Edmonton 5, Pittsburgh 1				
Boston 4, Florida 2				
Carolina 4, N.Y. Rangers 3				
Ottawa 5, New Jersey 4, OT				
Arizona 5, Minnesota 3				
Calgary 5, Nashville 4, OT				
Dallas 3, Vegas 2, SO				
Colorado 5, St. Louis 3				
Vancouver 5, Seattle 2				
Anaheim 5, San Jose 2				

SCORING LEADERS				
POINTS	GP	G	A	PPTS
Connor McDavid, EDM	79	44	78	122
Jon. Huberdeau, FLA	80	30	85	115
Johnny Gaudreau, CGY	80	39	74	113
Leon Draisaitl, EDM	79	55	54	109
Auston Matthews, TOR	73	60	46	106
Kirill Kaprizov, MIN	79	45	60	105
Matthew Tkachuk, CGY	80	41	61	102
Steven Stamkos, TB	79	39	62	101
J.T. Miller, VAN	78	31	66	97
Mitch Marner, TOR	72	35	62	97
Artemi Panarin, NYR	75	22	74	96
Roman Josi, NSH	78	22	71	93
Patrick Kane, CHI	76	26	66	92
Mikko Rantanen, COL	73	36	55	91
Alex Ovechkin, WSH	77	50	40	90

GOALS
Auston Matthews, TOR 60 46 0.82
Leon Draisaitl, EDM 55 54 0.70
Chris Kreider, NYR 52 25 0.65
Alex Ovechkin, WSH 50 40 0.65
Kyle Connor, WPG 45 44 0.59
Kirill Kaprizov, MIN 45 60 0.57

TENNIS

ATP MILLENNIUM ESTORIL OPEN
At Clube de Tennis do Estoril, Estoril, Portugal. Red clay-outdoors
MEN'S SINGLES ROUND OF 16
#4 Alejandro Davidovich Fokina d. Bernabe Zapata Miralles, 6-3, 7-6(5).
#5 Frances Tiafoe d. Nuno Borges, 7-6(4), 4-6, 6-0.
#6 Albert Ramos-Vinolas d. Kwon Soon Woo, 5-7, 6-1, 6-2.
Fernando Verdasco d. Pablo Cuevas, 6-2, 6-3.
ATP BMW OPEN BY AMERICAN EXPRESS
At MTTC Iphitos Munich, clay-outdoor
MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16
Holger Vitus Nodskov Rune d. #1 Alexander Zverev, 6-3, 6-2.
#7 Miomir Kecmanovic d. Daniel Altmaier, 6-2, 6-4.
#4 Nikoloz Basilashvili d. Ilya Ivashka, 3-6, 6

WEATHER

THURSDAY



SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly sunny and breezy. Areas of frost are possible at night. Northwest winds at 10 to 20 mph.

HIGH 54°
LOW 34°

FRIDAY



SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Mostly sunny and breezy.

HIGH 58°
LOW 37°

SATURDAY



SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly sunny and a bit milder.

HIGH 61°
LOW 38°

SUNDAY



SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Mostly sunny and mild.

HIGH 69°
LOW 44°

MONDAY



SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Mostly cloudy and mild.

HIGH 61°
LOW 49°

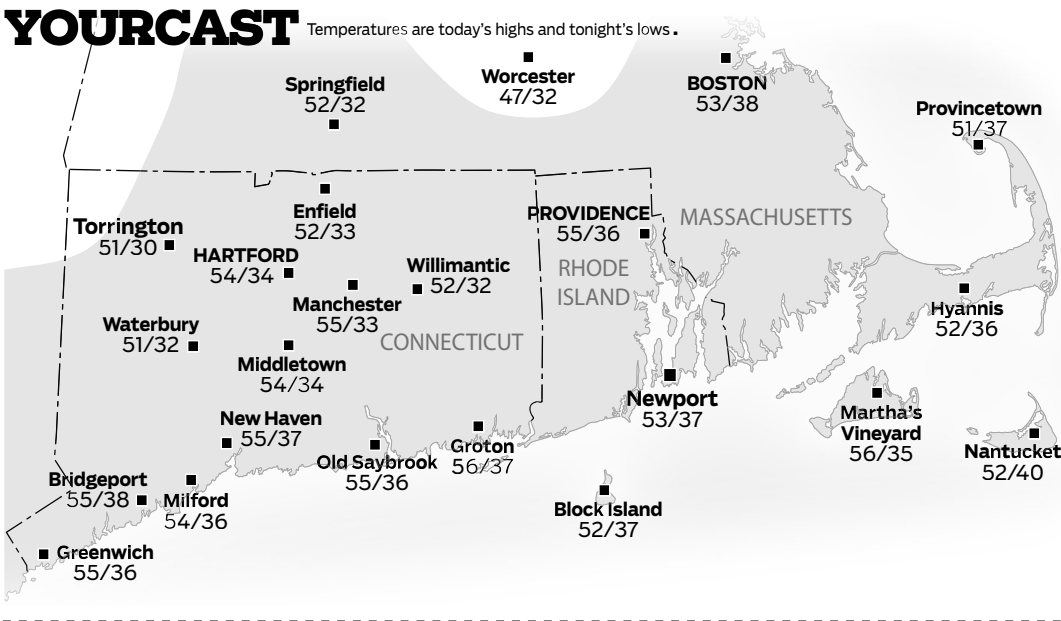
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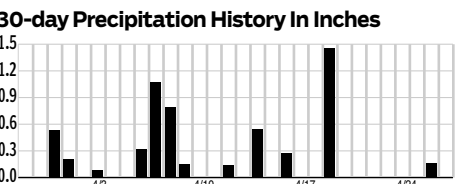
Temperatures during the first half of April seemed more in tune with early May and now that we are just a few days away from May, the month has changed its tune as temperatures and wind chills have taken several steps back into late March. Wind chills Thursday morning will be in the 20s and air temperatures will range from the upper 20s to the mid-30s with some areas of frost quite possible. It appears that there will be another chance for frost Friday morning. As we get ready to welcome May, Saturday will turn milder. The first week of May should be close to seasonal levels.

-Gary Lessor

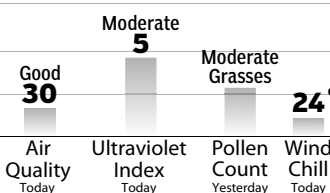
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Precipitation In Inches	Total Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.05 0.14
Month to date	5.22 3.48
Total this year	14.70 13.70

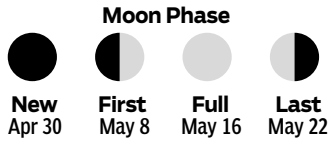
Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks



Air Quality Forecast For Today



	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	5:52 a.m.	5:50 a.m.
Sunset	7:45 p.m.	7:46 p.m.
Moonrise	5:04 a.m.	5:26 a.m.
Moonset	5:39 p.m.	6:44 p.m.

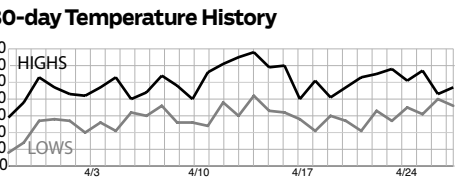


Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	8:25 a.m.	2:43 a.m.	52°
Saybrook Jetty	9:36 a.m.	3:36 a.m.	52°
Connecticut River at Portland	12:19 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	
Madison	10:01 a.m.	3:51 a.m.	51°
New Haven	10:21 a.m.	4:15 a.m.	51°
Stamford	10:25 a.m.	4:29 a.m.	50°
River Stage at Hartford	6:51 feet at 6:30 p.m.		

Boating Weather	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B.I. Sound
Wind	NW, 15-25	NW, 15-20	NW, 15-20
Seas	2-4 ft.	2-4 ft.	2-4 ft.

Temperature Wednesday	High	Low
Normal for date	66	43
Record for date	94 in 1962	30 in 2002
A year ago	74	39
Range this year	78	-2

Heating Degree Days For July 1 - April 27	Season	Normal	Last Season
	5133	5624	5208



Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	29.90 at 12 a.m.	29.81 at 1 p.m.
Dew point	51° at 12 a.m.	23° at 5 p.m.

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND Bangor 44 34 SH Burlington 49 31 PC Caribou 38 30 SN Concord 52 28 PC Montpelier 43 27 PC Mt. Wash. 17 8 C Portland 53 33 PC Woods Hole 55 33 PC	Baltimore 61 35 S Bismarck 59 36 PC Boise 51 35 C Buffalo 50 30 S Charleston 76 55 S Cincinnati 59 44 C Cleveland 51 31 S Indianapolis 60 46 C Jacksonville 78 56 S Las Vegas 84 59 S Miami Beach 81 73 T Milwaukee 43 37 C	Nashville 78 54 PC New Orleans 83 64 S New York 58 38 S Okla. City 77 63 T Orlando 83 64 PC Pittsburgh 55 30 S Raleigh 69 43 S St. Louis 69 55 C Salt Lake City 70 44 C San Antonio 85 68 PC San Diego 64 57 C	San Juan 82 72 PC Tucson 90 55 S Amsterdam 61 37 C Athens 79 61 S Bangkok 95 86 T Barbados 85 75 T Beijing 61 45 C Beirut 72 59 PC Berlin 63 39 C Bermuda 71 62 SH	Budapest 66 45 PC Buenos Aires 64 43 PC Cairo 88 65 S Cancun 84 73 PC Dubai 108 82 PC Dublin 54 34 PC Edinburgh 55 41 SH Helsinki 45 27 SH Hong Kong 90 79 PC Istanbul 68 50 PC Jerusalem 77 61 S Johannesburg 66 43 SH	Kingston 86 75 SH Lisbon 72 57 PC London 59 45 C Madrid 63 50 R Mexico City 89 70 S Milan 72 52 C Montreal 50 30 PC Moscow 45 32 S Nassau 84 70 SH New Delhi 109 79 S Paris 73 50 S Prague 63 39 C Rio de Janeiro 99 68 PC Rome 77 52 S Seoul 77 54 S Singapore 93 75 T	Stockholm 54 31 PC Sydney 77 63 SH Tel Aviv 71 52 PC Tokyo 68 46 C Toronto 50 30 S Vancouver 54 43 PC Warsaw 55 39 SH
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TUESDAY'S LATE HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

BOYS TRACK & FIELD

CCC-South
BRISTOL EASTERN 80, LEWIS MILLS 70
CCC-East
TOLLAND 105, SOUTH WINDSOR 45
CCC-West
HALL 145, NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 1
HALL 134, FARMINGTON 16
HALL 100.5, SOUTHTOWN 49.5
SOUTHTOWN 143, NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 5
SOUTHTOWN 125.5, FARMINGTON 23.5
FARMINGTON 101, NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 34
NCCC
ROCKVILLE 114, CANTON 35
ROCKVILLE 100, SOMERS 50
SOMERS 82, CANTON 67

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

CCC-East
TOLLAND 101, SOUTH WINDSOR 48
CCC-West
HALL 137, NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 13
HALL 119.5, FARMINGTON 30.5
HALL 87, SOUTHTOWN 63
SOUTHTOWN 132, NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 13
SOUTHTOWN 91, FARMINGTON 58
FARMINGTON 114, NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 32
NCCC
ROCKVILLE 119, CANTON 30
ROCKVILLE 83, SOMERS 66
SOMERS 86, CANTON 63

WEDNESDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

BASEBALL

CCC-South
BRISTOL EASTERN 5, MALONEY 2
M 001-100-0-2-6-1-2
BE 040-100-x-5-7-2
WP: Jaydon Churchill. **LP:** Joseph Rodriguez. **HR:** **BE**—3-5; **M**—5-5. **Note:** Churchill allowed 1 run over 6 innings with 11 strikeouts, 1 walk and had a triple, single, 2 RBI, 2 runs scored at the plate.
LEWIS MILLS 11, BERLIN 6
MIDDLETOWN 5, PLAINVILLE 4
CCC-East
RHAM 5, EAST CATHOLIC 4
EC 100-021-0-4-5-2
R 000-030-2-5-13-2
WP: Sean Connolly. Rec.: **R**—8-0; **EC**—7-2. **Note:** Connolly had the game-winning RBI. Mike Poncini had a 3-run double in the 5th for RHAM.
TOLLAND 11, MANCHESTER 7

NCCC
COVENTRY 5, GRANBY 0
G 000-000-0-0-1-2
C 000-014-x-5-8-1
WP: Ethan Hunt. **LP:** Josh Selander. Rec.: **C**—8-2; **G**—3-5. **Note:** Hunt tossed a complete game 1-hitter with 10 strikeouts. Jacob Wojtowiak had a 3-run triple in the 6th. Bobby May had the lone hit for Granby.
STAFFORD 13, BOLTON 1 (5)
WP: Mason Wilson. **LP:** Cal Burley. Rec.: **S**—7-3; **B**—0-8. **Note:** Ryan Gilluly had 2 RBI and Attley Stevens was 2-for-2 with an RBI for Stafford. Bryan Diehl and Matt Godek each had 2 hits for Bolton.
EAST GRANBY 14, CANTON 12
EG 111-332-12-14-6
C 009-003-00-12-13-4
WP: Liam Flanagan. **LP:** Devin Brown. Rec.: **EG**—5-3; **C**—6-4.

SMSA 9, ROCKVILLE 8
S 104-301-0-9-11-2
R 040-220-0-8010-4
WP: Dylan Kolakowski. **LP:** Joe Stawski. Rec.: **S**—6-5; **R**—5-5.
ELLINGTON 3, SOMERS 2
Shoreline
HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH 2, CROMWELL 1
HK 000-200-0-2-3-1
C 000-100-0-1-5-1
WP: Callen Powers. **LP:** Connor Slifer. Rec.: **HK**—8-3; **C**—7-4. **Note:** Powers tossed a complete game with 9 strikeouts. Nick Glynn had a 2-run single for H-K. Tysen Billings had 2 hits for Cromwell.
HALE-RAY 9, OLD LYME 8
OL 005-100-2-8-6-0
HR 121-032-x-9-9-5
WP: Ryan Sirkorski. **LP:** Grady Lacourciere. Rec.: **HR**—4-5; **OL**—4-7. **Note:** Miles Gagne was 2-for-3 with 3 RBI and Oliver Ross was 2-for-3 with 3 runs scored for Hale-Ray.
OLD SAYBROOK 19, WESTBROOK 4

COGINCHAUG 11, PORTLAND 1

GRASSO TECH 9, CHENEY TECH 3
WINDHAM TECH 7, PRINCE TECH 2

CRAL
PARISH HILL 6, CIVIC LEADERSHIP 0

ECC
BACON ACADEMY 12, NFA 2 (5)
NFA 002-00-2-10-0
BA 051-6x-12-14-0
WP: Chris Lusignan. **LP:** Jason Hicks. **HR:** **BA**—Jack Novak. Rec.: **BA**—9-0; **NFA**—1-8. **Note:** Novak had 3 RBI. His 2-run homer was his 5th of the season, most for a Bacon player in 30-plus years. Alex Pules had a 2-run triple and James Gumbs had 2-run double for Bacon.
Others
SUFFIELD 17, HARTFORD PUBLIC/HMTCA 0 (5)
HP 000-00-0-1-3
S 21(13)-1x-17-12-0
WP: Nick Gomes. **LP:** Victor Romero. Rec.: **S**—3-5; **HP**—1-9. **Note:** Sam Beaudoin was 3-for-4 with a double, 2 RBI and Jacob Morello was 2-for-2 with 3 RBI.

SOFTBALL

CCC-North
NEW BRITAIN 19, BLOOMFIELD 1 (5)
NB 441-19-19-9-1
B 000-10-1-0-4
WP: Cristina Velez. **LP:** Taraji Larmond. **HR:** **NB**—Kizbelth Ortiz (2), Kelly Alape. Rec.: **NB**—1-6; **B**—4-6.

CCC-South
BERLIN 29, LEWIS MILLS 5 (5)

CCC-East
ENFIELD 10, SOUTH WINDSOR 9
EW 200-303-2-10-13-0
S 230-410-1-9-10-6
WP: Tiffany Lubanski. **LP:** Gabby Ryan. **HR:** **SW**—Lyndsay Donston. Rec.: **E**—8-2; **SW**—3-6. **Note:** Savannah Holmes was 3-for-5 with a double, 3 RBI and Meredith Higgins was 2-for-5 with 2 doubles, 2 RBI for Enfield. Donston was 2-for-4 with 2 RBI, 2 runs scored for South Windsor.
RHAM 27, EAST CATHOLIC 3 (5)
R 4(110)-(13)-0-27-9-3
EC 111-00-3-5-6
WP: Hadley Marchand. **LP:** Kylie Bachand. Rec.: **R**—8-2; **EC**—3-4. **Note:** Marchand had a triple, 4 RBI and Alaina Roy was 2-for-3 with 3 RBI. Maddy Ellis was 2-for-3 with a double for East Catholic.
E.O. SMITH 18, EAST HARTFORD 1
EOS 811-71-18-16-3
EH 100-00-1-0-5
WP: Ashley Lewis. **LP:** Caitlyn Breault. Rec.: **EOS**—3-4; **EH**—1-9. **Note:** Lewis had 3 hits, 3 runs scored. She and Olivia Lipps combined for a no-hitter.
TOLLAND 6, MANCHESTER 5

NCCC
ELLINGTON 8, SOMERS 0
E 110-014-1-8-8-1
S 000-000-0-0-3-3
WP: Camryn Fisher. **LP:** Madison Hinkley. Rec.: **E**—8-1; **S**—6-4. **Note:** Fisher had 15 strikeouts. Erin Fitzgerald had 2 doubles, 2 runs scored, Kat Czyz had a 2-run double and Keyleigh Flaherty was 3-for-5 for Ellington.
WINDSOR LOCKS 7, EAST WINDSOR/SMSA 2
EWS 002-000-0-2
WL 100-222-x-7
WP: Rene Homan. **LP:** Abby Lee. **HR:** **WL**—Angelina Jones. Rec.: **WL**—3-5; **EWS**—3-5. **Note:** Homan tossed a complete game with 11 strikeouts, 3 walks. Jones was 3-for-4 with a homer, double, 4 RBI.
SUFFIELD 21, HMTCA 1 (5)
S (1140)-33-21
H 100-00-1
WP: Hayli Graham. **LP:** Isabella Torres. Rec.: **S**—2-7; **H**—1-8. **Note:** Graham had 9 strikeouts.
CANTON 11, EAST GRANBY 3
COVENTRY 13-9, GRANBY 1-3

Shoreline
HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH 7, CROMWELL 0
C 000-000-0-0-6-0
HK 095-11-x-7-9-2
WP: Bella Richwine. **LP:** Lily Kenney. **HR:** **HK**—Cheyenne LaTouche. Rec.: **HK**—11-1; **C**—9-1. **Note:** Richwine and Kaleigh Bodak combined for a shutout. Ivy McNeil had 3 hits, 2 RBI for H-K

CTC
WILCOX TECH 12, KAYNOR TECH 4
WT 200-202-6-12-10-1
KT 000-400-0-4-5-5

WP: Chloe Enger. **LP:** Victoria Albright. **HR:** **WT**—Tatiana Robles; **KT**—Sammy Giannattasio. Rec.: **WT**—8-4; **KT**—6-4. **Note:** Enger had 12 strikeouts and Robles was 3-for-3 with a homer, triple, 3 RBI, 4 runs scored. Albright had 18 strikeouts.
WINDHAM TECH 28, PRINCE TECH 9

CRAL
PARISH HILL 13, CIVIC LEADERSHIP/A&E 5
PH 001-140-7-13-7-2
CLA 100-013-0-5-4-3
WP: Kristie Zator. **LP:** Jenna Tinker. **HR:** **PH**—Molly Wilson (2), Kristie Zator. Rec.: **PH**—4-3; **CLA**—8-1.

SCC
LYMAN HALL 18, BRANFORD 7

NVL
ST. PAUL 18, WILBY 2 (5)
W 000-20-2-4-3
SP 10(50)-3x-18-11-0
WP: Lauren Kozlak. Rec.: **SP**—3-8; **W**—2-8. **Note:** Kozlak had 11 strikeouts. Gillian Smith had a triple for St. Paul.
Others
WEAVER 26, BULKELEY 8 (5)
B 430-01-8-2-9
W 775-7x-26-9-8
WP: Daisy Garriga. **LP:** Yanira Marrero. **HR:** **W**—Calibe Simpson, Angie Solomon; **B**—Michelle Ortiz. Rec.: **W**—3-3; **B**—0-7. **Note:** Solomon had a grand slam.

BOYS LACROSSE

Others
CANTON 16, NEWINGTON 5

GIRLS LACROSSE

CCC-North
SIMSBURY 8, FARMINGTON 6
Goals: S—Sarah Perlitz (3), Reece Willison (2), Elena Bontatibus (2), Liv Francis; F—Elizabeth Neri (2), Sophia Farrell, Lile Chekas, Abby Finn, Jennifer Austin. **Saves:** S—Kaitlyn O'Brien, 7; F—Lindsay Hillemeir, 11. Rec.: **S**—4-3; **F**—5-2.
CCC-South
BRISTOL CENTRAL 11, LEWIS MILLS 3
CCC-Inter
NEWINGTON 19, MIDDLETOWN 8

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

CCC-East
SOUTH WINDSOR 3, EAST HARTFORD 0 (25-11, 25-15, 25-11)
SW: Aidan Iacovelli, 14 kills, 3 aces, 3 digs, Alex Ezedine, 5 kills, 2 digs, 1 ace, Andrew Bell, 4 digs. Rec.: **SW**—5-3; **EH**—0-8.
CCC-Inter
ENFIELD 3, LEWIS MILLS 0 (25-11, 25-15, 25-11)
E: Evan Murphy, 15 assists, 7 aces, 3 kills, John Bellafonte, 10 kills, 2 blocks; LM: Alex Bitwell, 12 assists, 1 kill, T.J. Howlett, 10 kills. Rec.: **E**—8-2; **LM**—0-9.
GLASTONBURY 3, FARMINGTON 0 (25-22, 25-23, 25-19)
G: Eric Rose, 10 kills, 2 blocks, Shawn Kauffhold, 6 kills; F: Jake Weinberg, 8 kills, 3 blocks, Devon Schmidt, 6 kills, 5 blocks, 2 aces. Rec.: **G**—9-0; **F**—4-3.
CONARD 3, WETHERSFIELD 0 (25-14, 24-23, 25-22)
C: Aidan Buyak, 13 kills, 2 aces, Hugh Baldwin, 26 assists; W: Andrew Knapp, 13 kills, Danny Vega, 13 digs. Rec.: **C**—4-3; **W**—2-6.
NEW BRITAIN 3, HALL 1
Others
NEWINGTON 3, XAVIER 0 (25-23, 25-16, 25-20)
N: Trey Guest, 18 kills, Jacob Lawless, 27 assists, 3 aces, 3 blocks; X: Rory McCormack, 11 digs, 10 kills, 1 ace, Joseph O'Brien, 5 digs, 3 kills, 2 blocks. Rec.: **N**—6-3; **X**—7-4.

BOYS GOLF

NCCC
EAST GRANBY 188, GRANBY 192
Medalist: Russell Brown, Granby, 40at Copper Hill CC, East Granby.
SOMERS 220, SMSA/HMTCA 247
Medalist: David Reid, Somers, 49at Grassmere, CC, Enfield.
ELLINGTON 166, SUFFIELD 195
Medalist: Bradley Sawka, Ellington, 35at Ellington Ridge CC.

Shoreline
MORGAN 172, OLD LYME 209
Medalist: CJ Giuliano, Morgan, 40at Clinton CC.
SCC
CHESHIRE 173, XAVIER 185

Medalist: Nicholas Fuentes, Cheshire, 40at The Farms CC, Wallingford.

GIRLS GOLF

CCC-East
GLASTONBURY 204, MANCHESTER 22

Hartford Courant

FLAVOR

LIVING



Japanese-style mapo tofu from the cookbook “The Wok: Recipes and Techniques” is a go-to dish for chef J. Kenji Lopez-Alt. **W. W. NORTON & COMPANY**

MY MOM’S JAPANESE-STYLE MAPO TOFU

This version of mapo tofu is similar to what J. Kenji Lopez-Alt ate growing up, though instead of plain ground beef his mom would use the dish as an opportunity to use up leftover dumpling filling. Unlike the numbing-hot Sichuan version, this one is savory and sweet, with the classic Japanese flavors of soy, sake and mirin, and comes together even faster.

- Makes:** 4 servings
Total time: 15 minutes
1 teaspoon cornstarch
1 tablespoon cold water
2 tablespoons peanut, rice bran or other neutral oil
4 ounces ground beef
2 teaspoons minced garlic (about 2 medium cloves)
2 teaspoons minced fresh ginger (about ½-inch segment)
2 scallions, chopped into ¼-inch pieces, dark greens reserved for garnish
2 tablespoons sake
2 tablespoons mirin
1 tablespoon shoyu or light soy sauce
¼ cup low-sodium chicken stock, dashi or water
1 ½ pounds medium to firm silken tofu, cut into ½-inch cubes
Steamed rice and chili oil, for serving
- 1. Combine** the cornstarch and cold water in a small bowl, and mix with a fork until homogeneous. Set aside.
- 2. Heat** the oil in a wok over high heat until smoking. Add the beef and cook, stirring constantly for 1 minute. Add the garlic, ginger and scallion whites and pale greens and cook, stirring, until fragrant, about 15 seconds. Add the sake, mirin, soy sauce and chicken stock and bring to a boil. Pour in the cornstarch mixture and cook for 30 seconds, until thickened. Add the tofu and carefully fold it in, being careful not to break it up too much. Transfer immediately to a serving bowl and sprinkle with the scallion greens. Serve immediately with rice and chili oil.
- From “*The Wok: Recipes and Techniques*” by J. Kenji Lopez-Alt

BE A WOK STAR IN THE KITCHEN

Chef J. Kenji Lopez-Alt highlights versatile pan in his new cookbook

By Mark Kennedy
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Chef and food writer J. Kenji Lopez-Alt suspects there’s something in your kitchen that you’re not using near enough: the wok.

The Asian deep-bottomed pot is his versatile go-to cooking tool for everything from Korean-style pancakes to bacon and egg fried rice.

“Obviously, people know them for stir-fries,” he said. “But they’re also great for simmering, great for braising, great for steaming. I think they’re the best tool for both steaming and deep frying. You can make rice. There’s just a huge, huge amount of stuff you can do in this one pan.”

After spending much of the pandemic tinkering, Lopez-Alt is offering his wisdom in “The Wok: Recipes and Techniques” from W.W. Norton & Company. The book features handy tips, fascinating asides and some 200 dishes.

“I think there’s only one recipe that calls for even turning on the oven. Every-

thing else is just 100% done in one pan on your stove-top,” he said.

“The Wok” gives advice on the best oils to use, how to boil eggs, and how to approach stews and curries. It knocks down some myths, like the one that says only day-old rice makes good fried rice. There’s even a section on making soups in a wok, including egg drop, wonton, and hot and sour.

Lopez-Alt advises home chefs to get what he has — a 14-inch, flat-bottomed, carbon-steel wok — and says if you pay more than \$50, you’re probably being overcharged. He bought his at Target in the early 2000s.

That wok has adapted to each stage in his life. He bought it as a college student living with roommates, kept using it after moving in with his soon-to-be wife, and continues to cook with it now as a father. He says he pulls out the wok three or four times a week.

Lopez-Alt is also the author of “The Food Lab: Better Homecooking Through Science,” a text-



“There’s just a huge, huge amount of stuff you can do in this one pan,” Lopez-Alt says. **KEN LAMBERT/SEATTLE TIMES**

book-like cookbook with roots in scientific reason. The new book has similar rigorous testing, with fantastic detours into when to rinse rice, whether to use MSG, how to shop for shrimp and how different types of noodles behave.

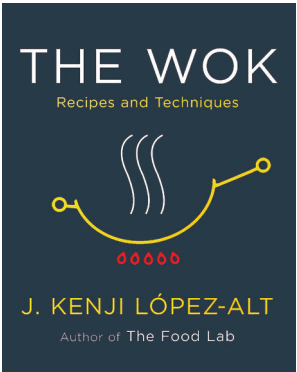
“I find learning things is a lot easier when I learn the underlying principles behind them. And so I learned why I’m doing something as well as how,” he said.

Lopez-Alt compares following recipes in a cookbook to asking directions on your phone from Siri

— you get from point A to point B, but learn nothing about the neighborhoods or how they connect.

“I think knowing techniques and science is what sort of gives me the confidence to stray from recipes, and know that I’m still not going to get lost and (will) end up with something edible and hopefully delicious,” he said.

His new book has the blessing of Grace Young, a fierce advocate of the wok, who has written the award-winning books “The Breath of a Wok” and “Stir-Frying to the Sky’s



Edge.”

“I’m really grateful to Kenji for writing this book because he can appeal to a much broader and younger audience than I can reach,” she said. “It means more woks get homes, more people are curious, and more people are appreciative of the fact that this pan is so special and so unique.”

The wok’s flared shape gives chefs a better angle to manipulate food than vertical walls on traditional pots, and it also reduces splatter. Its sides can be used to either protect food from the heat at the center or alternatively be a place that really heats up and provides a sizzle.

Lopez-Alt had written in the kitchen-equipment chapter of “The Food Lab” that the wok was his go-to

pan, but the final book never had recipes or advice because that section was edited out for space.

So when he began to tackle a second volume of “The Food Lab,” he started by revisiting the wok chapter and began expanding it. Then it took on a life of its own.

“I was like 200 pages in and I wasn’t done with stir-fries. So it felt like, ‘Hey, this is something I’m passionate about and I’ve found useful in my life, so maybe I should write a whole book and then other people will also find it useful,’” he said.

Ancho chiles add a kick to Cinco de Mayo menu

By Jeanmarie Brownson
Tribune Content Agency

It takes plenty of seasoning to transform ground meat into craveable dishes. Throughout Latin America, cooks add chiles, tomatoes

and dried fruit to simple ground pork or beef to create picadillo — a rich chopped meat mixture used to stuff chiles, tacos, appetizers and more.

Dark, rich and mildly spicy, ancho chiles add

loads of depth and personality to ground meat, even bland ground turkey.

Bottle pureed ancho chiles or ground ancho powder make easy work for the cook.

Alternatively, dried ancho

chiles can be soaked in hot water and then pureed in a high-speed blender.

I like the addition of sweet raisins and the tang of ketchup and green olives to balance the earthiness of the chiles. A little chipotle

chile adds smoky notes and a punch of heat.

Tuck the mixture into warm, supple corn tortillas with some crumbled fresh cheese on taco night. Or, roll it up in a large flour tortilla along with pureed beans,

shredded lettuce and sharp cheese for a great burrito.

Spoon warm picadillo over hot brown rice, diced avocado and cilantro for a delicious rice bowl.

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Brunch cocktails that go beyond the Bellini

By Rebekah Peppler
The New York Times

Brunch isn't truly brunch without a bevy of beverages: coffee, water, juice and, if you're drinking alcohol that day, a cocktail. Unlimited mimosas and heavily adorned Bloody Marys are longtime go-tos, but you certainly need not limit yourself to them.

Modern midday choices tend to trend away from high-alcohol options and toward drinks with lower alcohol by volume (or ABV) that pair nicely with the meal. "People want good-quality cocktails to go with good-quality food," said Stacey Swenson, the bar director for Mattos Hospitality in New York City.

Meant to be sipped alongside small bites, often bitter-leaning, lighter aperitifs are a fantastic foil to whatever short stack, Benedict or scramble is on the table.

"Bianco or dry vermouth with a soda or a tonic as your first cocktail of the day is very smart," Swenson said. "If you're a pancake or waffle kind of person, a Bellini with fresh fruit is a really good option." She also recommends a sparkling, citrus-laced French 75 or that most effervescent, most consummate of aperitivo beverages: the spritz.

Should a mimosa be nonnegotiable, Swenson recommends jazzing up the classic combination of orange juice and prosecco by adding orange bitters or orange liqueur. Or make another orange juice-based drink, the Garibaldi. Built on a frothy Italian mix of red bitter liqueur (usually Campari) and fresh juice, it's refreshing and sweet-bitter, and ideal for straddling the line between late-morning beverage and afternoon cocktail.

Alternatively, spike a batch of cafe de olla, a sweet, spiced Mexican



The Garibaldi, built on a frothy Italian mix of red bitter liqueur and fresh juice, is ideal for straddling the line between late-morning beverage and afternoon cocktail.

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Cafe de olla — a sweet, spiced Mexican coffee with cinnamon and other flavorings, such as cloves and orange peels — can be served as a nonalcoholic drink or with a splash of spirits.

coffee that is traditionally made in an olla, or clay pot. Infused with cinnamon and other flavorings, such as cloves and orange peels, the drink is richly sweetened

with piloncillo, an unrefined cane sugar with a deep, molasses flavor. "It's like biting into cake; it's meant to be super sweet," said Marcela

Valladolid, a chef, author and founder of the food and lifestyle brand Casa Marcela. If you can't find piloncillo, Valladolid suggests mixing brown sugar with a small amount of molasses to approximate piloncillo's caramelized flavors. Serve cafe de olla as is, or turn it into a brunch-time cocktail with an ounce of reposado tequila or whiskey.

Should you prefer your coffee iced, Swenson says you can swap coconut water for regular water in an iced Americano (for a touch of nuttiness and natural sweetness), and add an ounce or two of rum or amaro.

Whichever drink you choose to balance on the already brunch-packed table, make it something worthy of the space and one you'll be inclined to sip between bites before, and even after, the sun goes down.

THE GARIBALDI

Named for the Italian revolutionary Giuseppe Garibaldi, who played a leading role in the unification of Italy, the classic recipe for this two-ingredient drink combines Campari, from Northern Italy, and fresh orange juice, a nod to Sicily in the south. This modern version features orange bitters and a pinch of salt, as well as an ounce of grapefruit juice. (If you want to skip grapefruit, you can also use 5 full ounces of orange juice.) The key to the best Garibaldi is very fresh, very frothy citrus juice. For that, you'll want freshly squeezed citrus and a firm, long, dry (without ice) shake, or, if you prefer, you can pulse the juice in a blender for a

few seconds to aerate before adding to the glass.

Makes: 1 drink
Ice
1 ½ ounces red bitter liqueur, such as Campari, Cappelletti or Contratto Bitter
3 to 4 dashes orange bitters
4 ounces fresh orange juice
1 ounce fresh grapefruit juice
Pinch of flaky sea salt
Orange or grapefruit wedge or wheel, for serving
1. Fill a Collins or highball glass with ice, add the red bitter liqueur and the bitters.
2. In a shaker, without ice, add the orange and grapefruit juices, and the salt. Cover and shake vigorously for 15 to 20 seconds. Strain the cocktail into the glass and garnish with the orange or grapefruit wedge.

CAFE DE OLLA

Made in batches and served hot, sweet and scented with cinnamon and other spices, Cafe de Olla is traditionally brewed in an olla de barro, a tall clay pot. When making Cafe de Olla, choose quality, dark roast coffee and, if possible, grind it fresh. Second, seek out piloncillo — unprocessed, unrefined cane sugar named after the shape of the mold that is traditionally used to make it — for a richer, deeper, more caramelized flavor. If you don't have access to piloncillo, use dark brown sugar and add a half to a full teaspoon of molasses. Lastly, take care to never allow the liquid to come to a boil, which can burn the coffee and make the final drink acidic. Serve as is, or set a bottle of tequila, rum, whiskey, cognac or amaro on the table and let drinkers add their chosen spirit to taste. Store extra in a covered container in the refrigerator and reheat or serve iced.

Total time: 20 minutes
Makes: 6 cups
4 ounces piloncillo (or use a scant ½ cup dark brown sugar plus ½ teaspoon

molasses)
2 small cinnamon sticks, preferably Mexican cinnamon
2 whole cloves
1 star anise (optional)
½ cup freshly ground (medium-grind) dark roast coffee
2 (3-inch-long) orange peels (optional)
Spirit of your choice (rum, bourbon or rye whiskeys, cognac or amaro), optional
1. In a small olla de barro or medium pot, add piloncillo, 6 cups water, cinnamon sticks, cloves and star anise, if using. Set over medium heat and bring to a very low simmer, stirring frequently, until piloncillo is completely dissolved. Don't let liquid come to a boil. Continue to cook over medium-low for 5 more minutes. Remove pot from heat and stir in coffee grounds and orange peels, if using. Cover and let sit for 6 to 8 minutes. Strain through a fine-mesh strainer or coffee filter into a large, heatproof carafe or pot.
2. Add 1 to 1 ½ ounces of the spirit of your choice, if using, to a 6-ounce heatproof mug or glass, and top with 4 to 5 ounces Cafe de Olla; serve hot.



A little chipotle chile adds smoky notes and a punch of heat. JEANMARIE BROWNSON/TNS

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TURKEY PICADILLO WITH ANCHO CHILES AND BELL PEPPERS

This recipe doubles easily when cooking for a crowd. If ancho puree or powder is unavailable, use chili powder and add cayenne or hot sauce to taste.

Makes: 4 servings
1 pound ground turkey
1 small red onion, chopped
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
1 can (15 ounces) diced fire-roasted tomatoes
¼ cup ketchup
2 to 3 tablespoons tomato paste
¼ cup homemade or bottled ancho chile puree (see note) or 2-3 tablespoons ancho chile powder

1 teaspoon pureed chipotle in adobo or ½ teaspoon chipotle chile powder
1 teaspoon ground cumin
½ teaspoon each: salt, oregano
¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 ½ cups thinly sliced red, green or yellow bell pepper (or a combination)
½ cup each: dark raisins, thinly sliced green olives (with or without pimiento)
3 or 4 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
Queso fresco or feta cheese, crumbled
12 to 16 corn tortillas, warmed
1. Put turkey and onion into 10- to 12-inch nonstick skillet. Cook over medium-high heat, stirring often and breaking up clumps, until turkey turns opaque, about 10 minutes. Stir in garlic and cook 1 minute.
2. Stir in tomatoes (with

their juices), ketchup, tomato paste, ancho, chipotle, cumin, salt, oregano and pepper. Mix well. Stir in bell peppers, raisins and olives. Simmer until peppers are crisp-tender, 5 to 10 minutes.
3. Serve garnished with cilantro. Pass crumbled cheese and tortillas for making tacos.
Note: For ancho chile puree, tear open 3 or 4 dried ancho chiles and discard seeds and stems. Put chiles into a bowl and add very hot water to cover. Put a plate inside the bowl to keep the chiles submerged. Soak until chiles soften, about 20 minutes. Drain off water. Puree chiles in a high-speed blender, adding fresh water as needed, to make a smooth puree with the consistency of thin ketchup. Season with ½ teaspoon salt and refrigerate covered up to two weeks.

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A Napa favorite goes back to the future

By Eric Asimov
The New York Times

ST. HELENA, Calif. — Through almost 70 tumultuous years of California wine history, one thing seemed never to change: Stony Hill Vineyard, a pioneer of California chardonnay since its first vintage in 1952 and perhaps Napa Valley’s first cult wine producer.

As fashions came and went, Stony Hill clung to its old-school methods and austere style of chardonnay, seemingly taking little notice of the extravagant, oaky and alcoholic styles that gained popularity in the 1990s or the accelerating Napa red wine culture growing around it.

Then, in short order the ground began to shake and the firmament shifted. The McCrea family, owners of Stony Hill since Fred and Eleanor McCrea bought the 168-acre Spring Mountain property in 1943, sold the winery and vineyard in 2018 to Long Meadow Ranch, another family-owned Napa winery. A year later, Mike Chelini, the winemaker and vineyard manager, retired after 45 vintages.

In December 2020, scarcely after Long Meadow began converting Stony Hill to organic viticulture, it turned around and sold Stony Hill to Gaylon Lawrence Jr., an agricultural magnate from Arkansas, who, with his chief executive, Carlton McCoy Jr., has put together a portfolio of historic Napa properties, including Heitz Cellar, Haynes Vineyard and Burgess Cellars.

McCoy then made an unconventional but inspired choice: He named as the winemaker Jaimee Motley, whose experience was in the vanguard of young California producers, not the typical Napa Valley pipeline.

Motley was known for

her small label, Jaimee Motley Wines, based in Sonoma, which made fresh, savory wines from grapes that she purchased, including a wonderful mondeuse, a grape originally from the Savoie region of France, and a terrific cedar-scented cabernet sauvignon from the Santa Cruz Mountains. What would be the result of this combination of youthful, forward-pointing energy and this historic Napa estate?

I had pondered this question for more than a year when finally, in late March, I was able to drive up the winding hillside road to Stony Hill for a visit with Motley and two other members of the new Stony Hill team, Michaela Louise Kelly, the estate director, and Renee Berkus, the cellar master.

It felt a bit surreal to enter Stony Hill’s headquarters, the ranch-style residence that had housed members of the McCrea family for decades, with no McCreas present. I had never met Fred, who died in 1977, or Eleanor, who died in 1991. But I knew their son, Peter, and his wife, Willinda, and Fred and Eleanor’s granddaughter Sarah McCrea. Their presence still seemed to suffice the property.

Longtime fans of Stony Hill might be disquieted to learn that major changes are afoot. The cellar is being completely rebuilt, much of the vineyard is being replanted and a conversion is underway to biodynamic and regenerative viticulture, promoting soil health and a permanent cover crop rather than tilling or plowing. Even the wines will be changing, though not stylistically.

Stony Hill will continue to make chardonnay, along with small amounts of excellent riesling and gewürztraminer, as it has always done. But after the replanting, the vineyard



Jaimee Motley, the new winemaker at Stony Hill Vineyard. CAROLYN FONG/THE NEW YORK TIMES

will include 14 acres of cabernet sauvignon, and 8.5 acres of chardonnay, far less than the roughly 20 acres of chardonnay in 1990, much of which had been pulled for various reasons before the new ownership arrived.

The vineyard will also have 5 acres of cabernet franc and smaller amounts of riesling, malbec, merlot, syrah, gamay, gewürztraminer and petit verdot. Stony Hill, the longtime bastion of white wines, will soon be a red-dominant producer.

This should not be entirely shocking. Stony Hill has been making small amounts of cabernet sauvignon since 2009 in a restrained, classical style

that I love. Fred McCrea had always grown some red grapes for family consumption — pinot noir and zinfandel — in a small plot, called Fred’s Reds.

“Transitioning to cabernet just makes sense with climate change,” Motley said. Chardonnay and the other whites, which don’t do as well as cabernet in the heat, will continue to grow in cooler sites at Stony Hill, which rises on a hillside from 600 feet to 1,600 feet, nestled among redwoods and firs.

Most important, of course, are the wines. The Stony Hill chardonnay was one of a kind, lean and subtle, yet full of energy and character. As California chardonnays were becom-

ing softer, oakier and more ponderous, Stony Hill’s never changed. They could age and evolve for years.

The chardonnay was made idiosyncratically, without malolactic fermentation, a process in which tart malic acid is converted by bacteria into softer lactic acid. This was the old California style until winemakers in the 1970s began to adopt the methods of Burgundy, chardonnay’s native land, where malolactic fermentation is encouraged.

Motley is hesitant to make major changes. She will continue to use big, older barrels, rather than the smaller barrels of new oak that became a signature of California chardonnay,

but she said the 2021 chardonnay had gone through malolactic fermentation.

“They wanted to go through malo,” Motley, who has always made wine without overt intervention, said of the wines. “It would have taken a lot to block it — cold aging, lots of sulfur dioxide.”

I tasted a rough blend of the 2021 — the final wine had not yet been set — and it was fresh and savory, energetic with herb and mineral flavors. As a longtime fan of the Stony Hill style, this was lovely.

“There’s so much tradition and history, it would have been easy to do the same thing,” said Kelly, the estate director. “I admire Jaimee for listening to the grapes and feeling where they wanted to go. It’s not a new recipe.”

With the vineyard replanting currently underway, Motley said 2021 did not yield enough riesling and gewürztraminer to make varietal wines. She is instead experimenting with what she calls a heritage blend, the two varieties mixed with a little chardonnay. The blend I tasted was pure, expressive, refreshing and dry, with pretty floral aromas.

The 2021 cabernet was also not finished, but the very young sample I tasted was fresh, savory and balanced, very much in keeping with a 2010 cabernet that we also tasted, dry with aromas and flavors of red fruits and herbs. The ’21 is 100% cabernet sauvignon, but Motley plans to add other Bordeaux varieties as the vines mature.

McCoy told me he knew Motley was the right choice after he tasted her wines.

“Those wines contain so much purity and energy and life without sacrificing density and pedigree,” he said. “I knew that the marriage of Jaimee and the terroir of Stony Hill could equal magic.”



Make Mom a meal that doesn’t involve any cleanup. MEGHAN SPLAWN/THEKITCHN.COM

Snack board is the ideal meal for Mother’s Day

By Meghan Splawn
TheKitchn.com

We usually celebrate Mother’s Day by going out. While I can ask my husband and kids to cook for me or order takeout, what I actually want out of a Mother’s Day meal is neither of those things. I want a meal that I don’t have to think about or clean up after — which means I want a snack board.

Snack boards are a regular part of our family meal rotation. They use up leftovers and pantry staples, and they entice our small children to eat more vegetables. This easy tip makes serving — and cleaning up — a Mother’s Day snack board easier, no matter its shape or size.

Before you set up a snack board, line your tray, cutting board or surface with parchment paper. This super-simple step can save you from scrubbing soft cheese off your favorite cutting board and lets you use decorative trays without harm.

While plastic wrap and waxed paper can also cover your snack board surface, parchment is my preference because it can also be used to wrap leftover cheeses or baked goods after cleanup.

If you’ve got a round snack cutting board, use a cake-lining technique for cutting a large round cover: Tear off a piece of parchment paper just slightly larger than your serving tray, then fold it into an imperfect square and finally into a triangle. Set the tip of that triangle in the center of

your dish, then trim off the excess parchment hanging over the edge.

Unfold the paper and you’ve got a round piece of parchment that will fit perfectly on your round serving board or tray.

3 essential elements

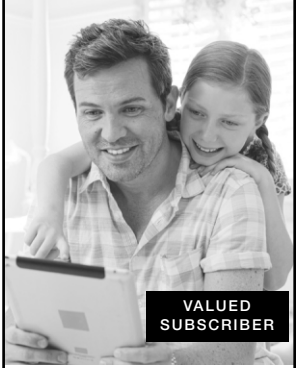
Let’s set the record straight: A snack board doesn’t have to be a cheese board. In fact, many of my favorite boards are actually built with leftovers or pantry staples. If you really want to impress Mom with a snack board meal this year, consider adding the following three things:

A warm snack: You don’t have to cook a recipe. Just toasting some nuts or warming some olives adds contrast and makes a snack board feel special.

A cool dip: Drizzle olive oil over yogurt or dress up sour cream with dried herbs, so that your bread and vegetables (or even leftover roasted chicken) have something saucy to make them feel fresh.

Something sweet: I’m a big fan of dark chocolate-covered almonds, but I’d be happy with store-bought cookies, too.

So, all you need is a grocery delivery and a little pantry scrounging to make a Mother’s Day meal that doesn’t require cleaning the entire kitchen afterward.



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This roasted chicken cooks on top of potato wedges, so its drippings infuse them with flavor. DAVID MALOSH/THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS

SHAVED ASPARAGUS AND RADISH SALAD

Total time: 15 minutes
Makes: 6 servings
3 tablespoons fruity, flavorful extra-virgin olive oil
Zest of 1 lemon
2 tablespoons lemon juice
4 anchovy fillets, rinsed, blotted and roughly chopped
Salt and pepper
1 pound asparagus, medium-thick spears if possible
1 cup thinly sliced daikon radish or other radish, preferably a mixture of colors (or more to taste)
1. In a small bowl, whisk together olive oil, lemon zest, lemon juice and anchovy. Season the dressing with salt and pepper.
2. Snap off and discard the tough end of each asparagus spear. Using a sharp knife, slice asparagus lengthwise into ribbons. For skinny asparagus, just halve lengthwise.
3. Place sliced asparagus in a large salad bowl. Toss with salt and pepper, then add the dressing and toss to coat.
4. For each serving, place a handful of dressed asparagus on a plate. Surround with slices of colorful radish, and tuck a few more slices among the asparagus ribbons. Sprinkle radishes lightly with salt.

ROAST CHICKEN WITH GREEN GARLIC, HERBS AND POTATOES

Total time: About 3 hours
Makes: 4 to 6 servings
1 (3- to 4-pound) roasting chicken
Salt and pepper
3 pounds medium yellow-fleshed potatoes, such as Yukon Gold (about 8 potatoes)
4 to 6 green garlic stalks, or use a combination of scallion and garlic chives
¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil
Handful of thyme, rosemary and sage sprigs
½ cup roughly chopped flat-leaf parsley
1. Season chicken inside and out with salt and pepper.
2. Bring a large pot of well-salted water to a boil. Peel the potatoes, cut them in half, then cut halves into 2 or 3 thick wedges. Boil potatoes for about 5 minutes, until barely done, then drain and cool.
3. As potatoes cool, peel outer layer of garlic stalks and cut off roots. Slice both tender white and green parts crosswise into thin rings, then sprinkle with salt and roughly chop to resemble “minced.” (You should have about 1 cup of chopped alliums, whether you use green garlic or a combination of scallions and chives.) Transfer chopped garlic to a dish and cover with olive oil.
4. Heat oven to 375 degrees. Arrange potatoes on the bottom of a 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Set the seasoned chicken on top of the potatoes. Tip the chicken up and transfer the garlic-oil mixture into the bird’s cavity, then place breast-side down, with potatoes surrounding.
5. Take a generous handful of herb sprigs (stem-on) and stuff into the cavity.
6. Roast, uncovered, for about 1 hour until chicken is nicely browned and thigh juices run clear when probed with a paring knife. Remove chicken, tipping the inside juices onto the potatoes, and keep warm on a plate.
7. Raise oven temperature to 425 degrees. Using a spatula, move the potatoes around the roasting pan, allowing juices to coat potatoes well. Return to oven to brown potatoes. Baste potatoes every 5 minutes for 15 minutes, or until potatoes are golden. Sprinkle with parsley. Carve bird and serve.
Note: After carving, the carcass can be tossed into a saucepan, covered with water and simmered to make a small amount of garlicky broth for future use.

dessert can be served with cold heavy cream, whipped cream or ice cream.
I always hope for leftovers to enjoy for breakfast with a blob of yogurt. That way, I can continue the spring celebration well beyond a single meal.

3 thrilling dishes that celebrate spring

By David Tanis
The New York Times

My recent trip to the farmers’ market confirmed my suspicions: Spring has well and truly arrived, at least in my neck of the woods (Southern California). With pleasure, I spied a collection of seasonal harbingers: Asparagus! Green garlic! Rhubarb! It didn’t take me long to envision a menu that would show them off.
Asparagus, for me, is always a thrill. The sight of the first few bunches brings a broad smile.

Those early spears are sweet enough to eat raw, so that is exactly how I chose to prepare them. A shaved asparagus salad was in order.

I sliced the spears lengthwise into thin ribbons — something, I recently discovered, that is quite easy to do with a long, sharp knife. (Formerly, I always used a mandoline, which makes nice ribbons but also courts danger. A knife is safer.)

The simplest version of this salad requires only extra-virgin olive oil and salt, with perhaps a squeeze of lemon. However, I decided to build a proper lemony vinaigrette with a few chopped anchovy fillets. Omit the anchovy in the dressing, if you wish, but it’s there to bolster flavor — not to taste fishy.

For color and texture, as well as a bit of sharpness, I added thinly sliced radishes. Any type of radish will work but, for a really vibrant salad, look for the brilliant varieties of daikon radish available at many farmers’ markets now. These beauties come in a range of colors — crimson, scarlet, purple, even bright green.

Or look for “watermelon” radishes, round and the size of golf balls. When sliced, these radishes reveal a multicolored cross-section. An easy salad to put together, this is a festive dish. You could even finish it with shavings of Parmesan or ricotta salata.

Green garlic is another cause for celebration, with its distinct, fresh character that’s pungent but not overpowering.



Thinly sliced radishes add color and texture to this shaved asparagus salad.

RHUBARB CRUMBLE

Total time: 1 ½ hours
Makes: 6 to 8 servings
For the filling:
About 2 pounds rhubarb stalks, peeled and cut into 1-inch cubes (6½ cups)
1¼ cups granulated sugar
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
For the topping:
1 cup all-purpose flour
¼ cup granulated or brown sugar
¼ teaspoon baking powder
Pinch of salt
Pinch of ground ginger
Pinch of cinnamon
½ cup cold unsalted butter, cut into very small pieces or grated on the big holes of a box grater
½ cup finely chopped or ground pistachios (optional)
1. Prepare the filling: Toss the rhubarb cubes with sugar and flour. Set aside and let macerate while you make the topping, about 20 minutes.
2. Make the topping: Put flour, sugar, baking powder, salt, ginger and cinnamon in a bowl, and stir together.



Bright red rhubarb makes a brilliant show in this crumble, though a combination of rhubarb and apple could also be nice.

Add butter and work into flour with fingers or a fork, as if making pie dough. The mixture will be loose and crumbly. Stir in the pistachios, if using.

3. Heat oven to 375 degrees. Transfer sugared rhubarb to a 9-inch baking dish, about 3 inches deep. Sprinkle topping loosely over fruit to a depth of about 1 inch.

4. Place dish on a baking sheet and bake for about 1 hour, until topping is golden and filling is visibly bubbling at the edges. Cool slightly before serving.

ble flavor.
Crisp and golden, they rival the best rotisserie-style potatoes, those glistening ones that sit beneath spit-roasted chickens at some butcher shops.
The chicken, of course, ends up nicely perfumed, too. (As a bonus, the carcass can be tossed into a saucepan, covered with water and simmered to make a small amount of garlicky broth for future use.)
As for the ruby red rhubarb that pops up this

a space to shine, I picked up a few pounds of yellow-fleshed Yukon Gold spuds from my favorite potato vendor.
Then, I bought a free-range chicken and hatched a plan. I stuffed the bird with a generous amount of green garlic and a large handful of rosemary, sage and thyme sprigs.
I roasted the chicken over wedges of potato so that all the fragrant garlicky chicken drippings infused the potatoes with incredi-

When it first comes to market, its stalks may resemble slim green onions. Some specimens will have already formed the beginnings of a bulb at the root end. But, once the outer layer is peeled, both green and white parts of the stalk can be used, either chopped or pounded in a mortar. (If you cannot find green garlic, a combination of scallion and garlic chives makes a reasonable substitute.)
To give the green garlic



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